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COMMISSION.

VICTORIA R.

Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

To Our right trusty and right entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor, Charles Henry Duke of Richmond; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Edward Henry Smith Stanley (commonly called Lord Stanley); Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Richard Southwell Bourke (commonly called Lord Naas); the Right Reverend Father in God, Samuel Bishop of Oxford; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Robert Vernon Baron Lyveden; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Edward Pleydell Bouverie; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Spencer Horatio Walpole; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Robert Lowe; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Shee, Knight, one of the Justices of Our Court of Queen's Bench; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Stirling Maxwell, Baronet; Our trusty and well-beloved Alexander Murray Dunlop, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved Myles William O'Reilly, Esquire; and Our trusty and well-beloved Henry Hart Milman, Doctor in Divinity, Dean of Our Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, in London, Greeting.

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should issue to inquire what Oaths, Affirmations, and Declarations are required to be taken or made by any of Our Subjects in the United Kingdom, other than those required to be taken or made by Members of either House of Parliament, or by Prelates or Clergy of the Established Church, or by any Person examined as a Witness in any Court of Justice, or in any Criminal or other Proceeding before Justices or otherwise of a Judicial nature; and to report their opinion whether any and which of such Oaths, Affirmations, and Declarations may be dispensed with, and whether any or what alteration may be made in the terms of such as it may be necessary to retain.

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your zeal, ability, and discretion, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents authorize and appoint you the

said Charles Henry Duke of Richmond, Edward Henry Smith Stanley (commonly called Lord Stanley), Richard Southwell Bourke (commonly called Lord Naas), Samuel Bishop of Oxford, Robert Vernon Baron Lyveden, Edward Pleydell Bouverie, Spencer Horatio Walpole, Robert Lowe, Sir William Shee, Sir William Stirling Maxwell, Alexander Murray Dunlop, Myles William O'Reilly, and Henry Hart Milman, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid.

And for the better enabling you to fulfil the objects of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant to you, or any Five or more of you, full Power and Authority to call before you or any Five or more of you such Persons as you shall judge necessary, by whom you may be the better informed on the subjects herein submitted for your consideration and every matter connected therewith, and also to call for, have access to, and examine all such Official Books, Documents, Papers, and Records as may afford the fullest information on the subject, and to inquire of and concerning the Premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And Our further Will and Pleasure is that you, or any Five or more of you, do with all convenient speed, report to Us, under your Hands and Seals, or under the Hands and Seals of any Five or more of you, your opinion upon the several points herein submitted for yo ur consideration.

And We do further will and command, and by these Presents ordain, that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you Our said Commissioners, or any Five or more of you, shall and may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And for your assistance in the execution of this Our Commission, We do hereby authorize and empower you to appoint a Secretary to the said Commission, whose Services and Assistance We require you to use from time to time, as occasion may require.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the Seventeenth day of May 1866, in the Twenty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

G. GREY.

SECOND COMMISSION.

VICTORIA R.

Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

To Our right trusty and right entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor, Charles Henry Duke of Richmond; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Richard Southwell Bourke (commonly called Lord Naas); the Right Reverend Father in God, Samuel Lord Bishop of Oxford; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Robert Vernon Baron Lyveden; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Edward Pleydell Bouverie; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Robert Lowe; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Russell Gurney, Recorder of Our City of London; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Horatio Waddington; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Shee, Knight, one of the Justices of Our Court of Queen's Bench; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Stirling Maxwell, Baronet; Our trusty and well-beloved Alexander Murray Dunlop, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved Myles William O'Reilly, Esquire; and Our trusty and well-beloved Henry Hart Milman, Doctor in Divinity, Dean of Our Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, in London, Greeting.

Whereas We did by Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the Seventeenth day of May last, appoint you, the said Charles Henry Duke of Richmond, Richard Southwell Bourke (commonly called Lord Naas), Samuel Bishop of Oxford, Robert Vernon Baron Lyveden, Edward Pleydell Bouverie, Robert Lowe, Sir William Shee, Sir William Stirling Maxwell, Alexander Murray Dunlop, Myles William O'Reilly, and Henry Hart Milman, together with Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillors, Edward Henry Smith Stanley (commonly called Lord Stanley), and Spencer Horatio Walpole, to be Our Commissioners to inquire what Oaths, Affirmations, and Declarations are required to be taken or made by any of Our Subjects in the United Kingdom, other than those required to be taken or made by Members of either House of Parliament, or by Prelates or Clergy

of the Established Church, or by any Person examined as a Witness in any Court of Justice, or in any Criminal or other Proceeding before Justices or otherwise of a Judicial nature, and to report their Opinion whether any and which of such Oaths, Affirmations, and Declarations may be dispensed with, and whether any or what alteration may be made in the terms of such as it may be necessary to retain.

Now know ye, that We have revoked and determined, and do by these Presents revoke and determine the said Warrant, bearing date the Seventeenth day of May last, and every matter and thing therein contained.

And We, reposing great trust and confidence in your zeal, ability, and discretion, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents authorize and appoint you, the said Charles Henry Duke of Richmond, Richard Southwell Bourke (commonly called Lord Naas), Samuel Bishop of Oxford, Robert Vernon Baron Lyveden, Edward Pleydell Bouverie, Robert Lowe, Russell Gurney, Horatio Waddington, Sir William Shee, Sir William Stirling Maxwell, Alexander Murray Dunlop, Myles William O'Reilly, and Henry Hart Milman, to be Our Commissioners to inquire what Oaths, Affirmations, and Declarations are required to be taken or made by any of Our Subjects in the United Kingdom, other than those required to be taken or made by Members of either House of Parliament, or by Prelates or Clergy of the Established Church, or by any Person examined as a Witness in any Court of Justice, or in any Criminal or other Proceeding before Justices or otherwise of a Judicial nature, and to report their Opinion whether any and which of such Oaths, Affirmations, and Declarations may be dispensed with, and whether any or what alterations may be made in the terms of such as it may be necessary to retain.

And for the better enabling you to fulfil the objects of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant to you, or any Five or more of you, full Power and Authority to call before you, or any Five or more of you, such Persons as you shall judge necessary by whom you may be the better informed on the subjects herein submitted for your consideration, and every matter connected therewith, and also to call for, have access to, and examine all such Official Books, Documents, Papers, and Records as may afford the fullest information on the subject, and

to inquire of and concerning the Premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And Our further Will and Pleasure is that you, or any Five or more of you do with all convenient speed report to Us, under your Hands and Seals, or under the Hands and Seals of any Five or more of you, your opinion on the several points herein submitted for your consideration.

And We do further will and command, and by these Presents ordain, that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you Our said Commissioners, or any Five or more of you, shall and may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And for your Assistance in the execution of this Our Commission, We do hereby authorize and empower you to appoint a Secretary of the said Commission, whose Services and Assistance We require you to use from time to time as occasion may require.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the Sixteenth day of July 1866, in the Thirtieth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

S. H. WALPOLE.

REPORT.

We, the undersigned members of Your Majesty's Commission appointed to inquire what Oaths, Affirmations, and Declarations are required to be taken or made by any of Your Majesty's subjects in the United Kingdom, other than those required to be taken or made by Members of either House of Parliament, or by Prelates or Clergy of the Established Church, or by Witnesses in Judicial Proceedings, and to report whether any of such Oaths, Affirmations, and Declarations may be dispensed with, and whether any alterations may be made in the terms of such as it may be necessary to retain, humbly report to Your Majesty that we have carefully examined the various Oaths and Declarations submitted by Your Majesty to our consideration.

We find that, although recent legislation has abolished certain oaths and converted others into declarations, the number of oaths still required to be taken is exceedingly large. Of these, many appear to us unnecessary, some even mischievous. We believe that every requirement of an unnecessary oath tends to detract from the solemnity of necessary oaths.

Further, we conceive that to maintain the solemnity of oaths the terms of every oath should be precise and exact; and that where altered circumstances have rendered some of the engagements needless or impossible of fulfilment the oath ought, if it be retained, to be cleared of these obsolete or impossible engagements.

The oaths which are now ordered to be taken may be divided into—

I. *Oaths taken for the ascertainment of facts.*

Such are—

(i.) The oaths taken by direct witnesses;
(ii.) Those taken by commissioners who record or report; or
(iii.) By interpreters who translate such evidence.

With the first of these classes our Commission is not concerned; but as to the two other classes, inasmuch as they come under the general head of oaths in attestation of fact, we recommend that they should be retained, and that all possible care should be taken to render the mode of their administration as solemn as possible.

II. *Oaths taken on admission to certain offices.* These again may be divided into two classes:—

(i.) Oaths of general allegiance to the Sovereign and her successors;

(ii.) Oaths of fidelity in the discharge of the special duties of the particular office.

(i.) Oaths of general allegiance to the Sovereign ought, we think, to be retained in the case of admission to *all great national offices of trust or importance;* but we advise that in every such case the oath should be made as precise and exact as possible, and should bind him who takes it to allegiance to Your Majesty and your successors, without entering into historical declarations as to the line of that succession. It is difficult to fix the exact point in the gradation of offices where such oaths ought to cease. Our detailed recommendations will show where, upon the whole, we believe that limit to be reached in the several classes of the service of the State.

(ii.) With regard to oaths of fidelity, we are of opinion that they should be retained—

(1.) In the case of judges of the superior courts;

(2.) In the case of jurymen;

and that all other oaths of fidelity should be either abolished or changed into declarations.

In substituting declarations for oaths, we recommend that there be removed from them all promises which are no longer applicable to the present discharge of the duties of the office. The oaths which now contain such engagements are most numerous; every officer of the Royal household down to the very lowest grade takes them; they are taken throughout the inferior offices of the State; and in corporations, guilds, and companies. Many, if not all, of these oaths, framed under a wholly different state of society, contain engagements which now never are or could be fulfilled, and thus men are inevitably taught to trifle with the most sacred obligations. As an illustration of a class we may mention the oath of Your Majesty's Gentlemen-at-Arms.

OATH TAKEN BY A GENTLEMAN-AT-ARMS.

"You shall swear to be a true and faithful subject and servant of our Sovereign Lady Victoria I., by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., and on earth Supreme Head of the Churches of Great Britain and Ireland. You shall truly and diligently give your attendance in the room of , late one of Her Majesty's Gentlemen-at-Arms in ordinary. You shall be retained to no person or persons of any degree or condition by oath, livery, badge, promise, or otherwise, but only to the Queen's Majesty, without her special licence; and you shall not hereafter hear or know of anything that shall be hurtful or prejudicial to her most royal person, or to her heirs (especially in treason), but you shall withstand it to the utmost in your power, and the same with all diligence to you possible to reveal and disclose to the Queen's Majesty, or to your captain for the time being, or in his

absence to some of Her Majesty's Privy Council, or for want of them to the lieutenant or other officers of the Gentlemen-at-Arms, or to such as you shall know will discover the same to Her Majesty. You shall keep continually three double horses and two men, and provide that yourself and two servants may be also well furnished with harness to serve Her Majesty in time of need, or otherwise for Her Majesty's pleasure, at the command or appointment of your said captain, his lieutenant, standard bearer, &c., when commanded so to do by Her Majesty. You shall also truly and diligently to your power observe and keep from this day forward all and every such articles, rules, and ordinances as now at this present day be devised and set forth for your better usage and order, as well as all other articles, rules, and ordnances that shall be hereafter set forth and devised, or by Her Majesty commanded. You shall be obedient to your captain, his lieutenant, standard bearer, &c., and their commandments you shall observe and keep at all time, so far as the same concern the service of the Queen's Majesty. And all such causes as by way of secrecy and counsel shall be showed unto you by the Queen's Majesty, the captain, or other officers you shall keep secret without discovering the same to any person or persons till you shall be thereunto commanded. You shall diligently give your attendance upon the Queen's Majesty, and in such wise as you shall be commanded and appointed by the said captain, his lieutenant, standard bearer, &c., and not be absent or depart from the court without the licence of the Queen's Majesty, the captain, or other officers in his absence.

"When commanded by Her Majesty you shall also make your musters in such harness and other habiliments of war and upon such horses as shall be your own proper goods, and no other man's. Also you shall not muster at any time hereafter before the Queen's Majesty, the captain, or other officers with any man's servants in lieu of such servants as you be charged to keep, but only with such as shall be retained by yourself to serve the Queen's Majesty for the same intent and purpose. And this you shall well and truly observe and keep, and serve the Queen's Majesty in the room of , late one of her Gentlemen-at-Arms in ordinary.

So help me God and the holy contents of this book."

Cleared of such superfluous engagements we think that declarations upon admission to important offices would be harmless, and may be useful. They would serve to mark the importance of the office in connexion either with the Sovereign, or the State, or some corporate body. They would also tend to secure a knowledge and acknowledgment by each one who undertakes the office both of what the duties are which he undertakes to discharge and of the possible abuses of his position from which he pledges himself to abstain, and against which in others he is bound to guard.

Besides the oaths and declarations which we have thus generally classed, there remain a few as to which we feel compelled to report on somewhat exceptional grounds.

The first of these which we would name are those oaths or declarations which have been framed in order to exclude from certain offices the holders of some profession of religious faith.

The declaration against transubstantiation which is now ordered to be made before admission to the office of Lord Lieutenant or

Lord Chancellor of Ireland is an instance in point. This declaration is framed and ordered by law to be made with the view of excluding from these offices those who, from their religious belief, are incapable of making it. It is made publicly, in the presence of many who conscientiously believe in the truth of the doctrine which in the declaration is denounced; and this is of necessity painful and irritating to those whose religious faith is thus publicly, and as it appears to us needlessly and therefore mischievously, condemned. We therefore recommend that such oaths and declarations should be abolished; and that if such exclusion from certain offices on the ground of religious belief is to be maintained (a question of policy on which we humbly think it is not within the province of our Commission to make any recommendation) it should be by direct enactment, and not by the indirect method of requiring such a declaration to be made.

The same principle applies to the declaration of conformity to the Liturgy of the Church of England required by the Act of Uniformity to be taken in the case of headships and fellowships of colleges.

We advise that the oaths taken by recruits on their enlistment into Your Majesty's army, and generally those taken under the rules of Your Majesty's service, should be retained, with the changes we have suggested. We believe that if the oaths taken by soldiers in Your Majesty's army were administered with circumstances calculated to impress upon them the solemnity of the engagement which they then contract, it would tend to quicken and maintain their loyalty.

On these principles then the succeeding detailed recommendations which we now dutifully submit to Your Majesty have been severally framed.

RICHMOND. (L.S.)
S. OXON. (L.S.)
RUSSELL GURNEY. (L.S.)
WILLIAM SHEE. (L.S.)
MYLES O'REILLY. (L.S.)

DISSENT (No. I.)

We dissent from the recommendation "that all other oaths or "fidelity should be either abolished or changed into declarations," believing that it is expedient to maintain the use of such oaths of fidelity on the admission of persons to the highest national offices, as a declaration that in a Christian state all lower engagements are ultimately based upon the highest Christian obligations.

RICHMOND. (L.S.)
S. OXON. (L.S.)
MYLES O'REILLY. (L.S.)

DISSENT (No. II.)

We dissent from the statement that "the same principle "applies to the declaration of conformity to the Liturgy of the "Church of England required by the Act of Uniformity to be "taken in the case of headships and fellowships of colleges," because we conceive the declaration in question to be retained—not to exclude from office those who refuse to make it, but to direct the mode in which the duties of the office are to be discharged by those who accept such office.

RICHMOND. (L.S.)
S. OXON. (L.S.)
RUSSELL GURNEY. (L.S.)

DISSENT (No. III.)

We, the undersigned members of Your Majesty's Commission, being unable to concur in the Report, beg leave humbly to lay before Your Majesty a statement of the grounds of our dissent therefrom.

A careful examination of the oaths referred to this Commission has led us to the conclusion that by far the greater number ought to be wholly abolished, and the rest changed into some convenient and distinct forms of declaration. The imprecatory forms of oath in common use appear to us open to very grave objections. Such oaths seem to assume that God's vengeance may be successfully invoked, and God's help declined or accepted by frail and fallible man, or made conditional on the truth of his assertions or the fulfilment of his promises; notions which seem to us inconsistent with the teachings of religion and

of reason. A form of oath "which should declare the juror's "sense of the presence of God, and of his own responsibility to "God as the Judge of mankind," would, in our opinion, as in that of an able writer* on this subject, be more reverential, pious, and reasonable, and no less binding than those now in use.

The oaths which are in use in this country may be divided into two classes:—

1. Oaths to the breaking of which penalties are attached by law.
2. Oaths to which no such penalties are attached.

With the first class, oaths with legal penalties attached, our Commission is but little concerned, all oaths taken under judicial proceedings being specially excepted from those referred to our consideration. Of this class of oaths, if there be any which fall within our reference, we desire to see them turned into declarations, the penalties remaining the same. These declarations ought to be as short, simple, and precise as possible, and each ought to contain such a statement of the penalties which attach to its being falsely made, as will preclude any person making it from afterwards pleading ignorance of the risk incurred.

The second class, oaths without penalties, or promissory oaths, seems to embrace nearly the whole of the very numerous and various oaths referred to the Commission. Generally taken on admission to office, or previous to the discharge of some special act of public duty, they may be placed under two heads:—

(1.) Oaths of allegiance to the Sovereign.
(2.) Oaths of fidelity in the discharge of duties.

(1.) Oaths of allegiance have seldom, if ever, been found to be of any practical benefit to the persons or the institutions whose safety and stability it has been sought to maintain by imposing them. In peaceful and prosperous times they are not needed; in times of difficulty and danger they are not observed. Contemporary history affords abundant proof of the inefficiency of political oaths, whether taken by the people to their rulers, or by rulers to their people. Not only have such oaths been frequently and signally broken, but they have been broken with the sanction, expressed or implied, of honourable and religious men, who, while they uphold the duty of general fidelity to engagements, seem also to confess that there are political junctures when the most solemn political obligations cease to bind. Men who have thus broken oaths for the purpose of obtaining or retaining power,—involving, perhaps, noble ends which they consider still more important than the observance of a particular oath,—have, nevertheless, endeavoured, when successful, to fortify their position by exacting oaths from others. But this policy seems to prove less that oaths are valuable than that revolutionary rulers

* J. Endell Tyler; "Oaths, their Origin, Nature, and History." London, 1834, 8vo., p. 27.

naturally grasp at any chance in their favour,—even the forlorn hope of finding others who will respect promises which they themselves have not respected, and that in certain political arrangements men are influenced more by custom and tradition than by reason and experience.

It will hardly be denied that an appeal to the Almighty ought not to be made lightly, or without a fair reason to believe there is a useful and worthy purpose to be served. Where its utility is doubtful, as in the case of these political oaths, it appears to us that the appeal to the Almighty ceases to be justifiable. Those who would be disposed to justify it on the ground that though often or generally useless, it may be useful in certain special cases, will admit that even this special and partial usefulness must mainly depend on the solemnity with which it is conducted. To administer oaths in a solemn and impressive manner to large numbers of persons, and on common occasions, is, in our opinion, and according to our observation, so difficult as almost to be impossible.

As an example of an oath which appears to us open to nearly every possible objection, we may cite the oath of allegiance imposed by the Mutiny Act on recruits for the army, which the Commission in its report recommends to be maintained. This oath is a part of the ceremony of attestation which is necessary to complete the enlistment. It may be taken before any justice of the peace not being an officer in the army, and in London it is commonly taken before the magistrate at the Westminster Police Court. There at certain fixed hours, before and after the other business, recruits are attested, and the oath is administered to them in a body by the usher of the court; the recruiting serjeant and his batch of recruits being surrounded by any persons who happen to be present, and who are not required to suspend any conversation in which they may be engaged.* It would be idle to describe this ceremony as either solemn or impressive, nor does it appear certain that it is even intelligible to the lads who are thus bidden to invoke the Almighty. It might not be easy to devise a plan which should ensure the administration of an oath in a becoming manner to every recruit in the kingdom, within not more than ninety-six, and not less than twenty-four hours from the time of his taking the serjeant's shilling. But it would be still more difficult to show any just cause why an oath should be exacted from the private soldier, which the State does not impose upon his officers, or upon the officers or men of the royal navy.

These oaths are open to the further objection that they tend to spread an erroneous view of the relation which exists between the State and the citizen, and to suggest the notion that

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* It may be proper to mention that one of the Commissioners signing this Dissent attended the police court on two different days, towards the end of May, to witness the ceremony. The magistrate did not take any part in the proceedings, but the oath was recited in a very becoming manner by the usher.

those who take them are bound to certain obligations from which their fellow-subjects who have not taken them are exempt. Framed for the purpose of ensuring the loyalty and obedience of one class of persons, the effect of these oaths on others may be to lead them to question the fact that these duties are incumbent upon all.

(2.) Oaths of fidelity in the discharge of duties appear to us not defensible on those grounds of public necessity or advantage on which other oaths have been established and are maintained. The purpose of an oath is to bind men to a particular course of conduct in cases where there is a strong probability that they may desire to follow another or the opposite course, and be able to follow it without discovery. They are sworn to speak the truth because they may be, and often are, surrounded by strong inducements to lie, and can lie with small chance of detection. The immediate and powerful motives of this world are sought to be overcome by opposing to them the fear of obscure and remote, though tremendous, consequences in the next. Temptations which few men can always resist are met by reference to mysterious punishments, from the contemplation of which all men shrink. The argument for calling in the agency of these spiritual motives is obviously strong or weak in proportion to the strength or weakness of the temporal motives acting in a contrary direction. If the adverse temporal motives are very strong, the imposition of an oath may be just and necessary. If they can be shown to be weak, an appeal to the Almighty becomes a matter of very questionable character. But if it can be proved that the balance of temporal motives, instead of being adverse to, is in favour of the interests sought to be protected by the oath, the oath becomes, in our opinion, wholly unjustifiable. In this country the various motives which impel to the faithful discharge of a public trust are so strong as to be quite independent of extraneous or spiritual aid. A sense of honour, the force of public opinion, the desire of promotion, the fear of dismissal, and the other motives which act on a public servant are so various and potent, that we should despair of any man who was deaf to their many voices being influenced by the fear of the retribution which may overtake him in another world for the breach or neglect of a promissory oath to which the power imposing it has not thought fit to attach any sublunary penalty. An oath can no more furnish a public servant with a conscience than with intellectual capacity; yet the theory of its administration seems to imply that, sworn, he will probably do that which, unsworn, he would leave undone, and that the oath can create the sense of duty, to which, in fact, it only appeals. It will hardly be pretended, however, that the sworn functionaries are distinguishable from the unsworn by their zeal and diligence, or that in each class there will not be found an equal and average amount of good, bad, and indifferent performance of duty.

Some oaths are objectionable on special grounds, as, for example, those which, instead of promising general fidelity,

repudiate particular breaches of it. To ask a man at his entrance into an office of trust to swear or to declare that he will not betray that trust, nor do certain specified acts of dishonesty, is to impugn at once his integrity and the integrity or the sagacity of those who selected him for the post.

The imposition of these oaths appears to us a feeble and ineffectual attempt to transfer a duty which cannot be transferred, and to cast upon each public servant a part of the responsibility which belongs to the superior officer who appoints him. With an eminent writer already quoted, we hold that "no "man should ever be called upon to promise to do what he is "bound by the duties of his office to perform; on the contrary, "it should, in every way, be declared that every man has already "promised to do his duty by the very act of accepting office." *

Promissory oaths are, in our opinion, not only useless, but hurtful to public morality. They are, or ought to be, administered with all the solemnity which attaches to oaths administered in courts of justice. Yet many are still administered which neither are, nor are intended to be, nor can be observed, and of which the words can hardly fail to raise a smile on the faces of those who impose and those who take them. Such oaths are an offensive mockery tending to discredit a solemn ceremony, which it is highly important should not be discredited. Even of those official oaths which ought to be and commonly are considered as binding, some will always be neglected, and the non-observance of them may become a matter of notoriety. The existence of these promissory oaths which may be and sometimes are violated with impunity, side by side with oaths which expose the perjured person to severe punishment, tends to confuse the public mind as to the meaning of all oaths, and weaken its sense of their sanctity. We are, therefore, of opinion that promissory oaths should in all cases be abolished, and that in those few and special cases where it appears desirable that a promise should be made, it should be made in the form of a declaration. Such declarations should be precise and exact in their language, and in those who receive them, or in the public department concerned, powers should be vested by which their terms may from time to time be altered according to change of circumstances or duties, in order to avoid the imposition of unnecessary engagements or obligations impossible of fulfilment, such as are imposed by many of the old oaths still in force.

Declarations seem to be of three kinds.

1. Declarations as to matters of fact, to the wilful falsity of which penalties are attached. These we propose to retain under the conditions recommended in the case of similar declarations to be substituted for oaths.

2. Declarations of fidelity in the discharge of duties. These promissory declarations appear to us to be liable to most of the

* J. E. Tyler, "Oaths," p. 68.

objections which apply to promissory oaths. It is difficult to see what practical purpose they can serve. A desire and an intention to discharge the duties of office ought to be implied, and usually are honestly entertained, in the acceptance of office. If this desire and intention exist, a general declaration of them cannot add to their force. If they do not exist, there seems little hope that a declaration of their existence would awaken them in the mind of the person making it, or deter him from entering upon duties which in the absence of these feelings he certainly ought not to undertake. If the declaration does not check dishonesty or incompetence at the official threshold, it can hardly be expected that the shame of having made a false declaration will afterwards drive the dishonest or incompetent person from the official seat. Yet if the declaration fail to produce either of these results, it is obvious that it can produce no useful result at all.

It has been urged that some declarations are useful, inasmuch as they compel the person entering upon an office to recite his duties, and thus ensure his knowing them. But it is plain that this argument can apply only to offices of which the duties are few and simple ; and that in the more important posts it would be impossible to compress into the compass of a declaration a statement of their various, varying, and complex responsibilities. And if a declaration be made full and comprehensive, there is the danger, as has been proved in the case of many of our old oaths, that as time changes the work to be done, the declaration might cease to be an accurate or even a tolerably fair statement of the duties undertaken.

A declaration, which should take the form of a definite agreement, might be of use in those offices of which the duties were capable of precise definition, especially if infraction of the agreement was understood to vacate the place. But it is probable that the duties of many important offices could not be satisfactorily defined, and it is certain that in the greatest affairs of private enterprise good service is sought to be ensured rather by the adequacy of the reward and by the careful selection of the servant, than by the nice adjustment of the obligations imposed or the amount of the securities exacted.

3. Declarations repudiating certain theological doctrines. These declarations are required, not because the State desires to express its disapproval of these doctrines, or to fix any stigma upon persons holding them, but because it has determined, on general grounds, to exclude the members of certain religious sects from certain offices of State. But as such declarations may be made, and often are made, in the presence of persons holding the doctrines repudiated, and as the ceremony has been stated, by some of their parliamentary representatives, to be painful to the feelings of these persons, we are of opinion that the form of these declarations ought to be altered, or that the object in view, upon which it is no part of our duty to remark, ought to be secured by such other means as Parliament may in its wisdom devise.

In considering oaths and declarations as securities for conduct and veracity, it seems proper to cite some examples, out of many, in which they have failed to ensure the object for which they were imposed.

Oaths taken on important occasions have been violated by persons of all ranks, ecclesiastics as well as laymen, sometimes with the connivance or even with the approval of the authorities whose duty it was to watch over their fulfilment. They have been taken under circumstances which could hardly fail to bring them into contempt, and in various ways have been treated as unmeaning forms by those to whose opinion or example the public have been disposed or accustomed to defer.

Declarations, as might be expected, have been as nugatory as oaths. Few have continued for any length of time to act as a bar against wrong; some have even been turned into a screen for abuses which they were intended to prevent; and some, even with penal consequences attached to their falsification, seem to have been made falsely from their very enactment.

The sale of commissions in the army having been forbidden by William III., the Mutiny Acts from 1694 to 1700 compelled every officer who received a commission to make oath that he had not obtained it by any promise of money or reward. The oath was withdrawn in 1701, and the sale of commissions has continued under various regulations to the present time. The existing scale of prices was established by regulation in 1821. Formerly a declaration was required from every officer purchasing promotion that he had not paid more than the regulation price, "but this," says the last Report on the subject,* with significant brevity, "was evaded, and therefore discontinued."

Lord Kames, in a work published in 1781, discusses the value of political oaths, and under what circumstances the usual oaths of allegiance might be taken by persons holding Jacobite opinions. "So far is plain," he says, "that when a man takes oaths in "order to get into power, is trusted, and betrays his trust, "nothing can be more vicious. But let us suppose he takes the "oaths to preserve his estate, to give bread to his family, or to "serve his friend at an election who is friendly to the Govern-"ment, how far is this criminal?" After due deliberation he decides that on the whole oaths taken for these purposes ought not to be considered criminal. Of "custom house oaths," he remarks that they "now-a-days go for nothing, not that the "world grows more wicked, but because no person lays any "stress upon them. The duty on French wine is the same in "Scotland and in England. But as we cannot afford to pay "this high duty, the permission underhand to pay Spanish "duty is found more beneficial to the revenue than the rigour "of the law. The oath, however, must be taken that the

* "Report of Commissioners on Purchase and Sale of Commissions in the Army," 1857, pp. xix, xxi.

" wine we import is Spanish to entitle us to the ease of the " Spanish duty. Such oaths at first were highly criminal, be- " cause directly a fraud against the public, but now that the " oath is only exacted for form's sake, without any faith being " intended to be given or received, it becomes very little different " from saying in the way of civility, 'I am, sir, your friend, " 'or your obedient servant.' And, in fact, we every day see " merchants dealing in such oaths, whom no man scruples to " rely upon in the most material affairs."* The careless manner in which an eminent judge treats so great an iniquity is a proof of the extent to which the public conscience had become callous by the continued abuse of oaths.

Jeremy Bentham cites an oath taken by the Irish Bishops previously to investiture, in which each promises "to see that " in every parish within his diocese a school of a certain descrip- " tion shall have place." " Of the aggregate of these oaths," he continues, "what, in the year 1825, was the aggregate fruit? " Performances 782. Perjuries 480." †

Sydney Smith records an oath of the Archbishop of Canterbury, " that he will not alienate the possessions of the Church of " Canterbury," which is not taken by the Primate in person, " but by the medium of a gentleman sent down by the coach to " take it for him ; " a practice which seems to have been still in force in 1838. ‡ As in the opinion of the Canon of St. Paul's the oath had not been observed, he indulges in some ingenious speculation whether the guilt of perjury had been incurred by the prelate or the proxy.

By an Act of the first Scotch Parliament of Queen Anne (16 Jan. 1707), all "Professors and others bearing office" in the Universities of Scotland were required at their admission to " acknowledge and profess," and to "subscribe" the Westminster Confession of Faith "as the confession of their faith, and to " practise and conform themselves to the worship" of the Church of Scotland, and " submit themselves to the government and " discipline thereof." From this obligation they were relieved only in 1853 by 16 & 17 Vict. c. 89. s. 1. Up to that time, therefore, all persons holding such appointments were obliged by law, in the most solemn and formal manner, to declare themselves members of the Church of Scotland. Yet it is well known that some of the most eminent of them, at the time of making this declaration, were holding preferment which could legally be held only by members of the Church of England.

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* "Loose Hints on Education," by Henry Home, Edinburgh, 1781, 8vo., pp. 362–3. These remarks, written at the beginning of his life, and published near its close, occur in "Excerpts from a Young Gentleman's Common-place Book," September 1734, forming Appendix II. They show the state of feeling with regard to political oaths between the two Rebellions of 1715 and 1745.

† "Petition for Justice," Works, 1843, 11 vols. 8vo., v. p. 456.

‡ Second Letter to Archdeacon Singleton. Sydney Smith's Works, London, 1848, 3 vols. 8vo., iii. p. 359.

Until 1858 the law (1 & 2 Vict. c. 48. ss. 3. and 6.) required every English member of the House of Commons to possess and declare that he possessed a certain property qualification. A county member was to be "seised and entitled for his own use "and benefit of and to an estate in lands, tenements, and here- "ditaments, or the interest, dividends, or annual proceeds of "personal estate, of not less than 600*l.* of clear yearly value;" and a borough member was to be possessed of a similar estate of 300*l.*; and on taking their seats they were obliged "solemnly "and sincerely to declare" at the table of the House that they were so qualified, a false declaration being punishable as a misdemeanor. Yet it is and was notorious that the qualifications of members were often fictitious, and their solemn and sincere declarations falsehoods which custom had rendered venial.

By the Elections Act, 1863 (26 & 27 Vict. c. 29. s. 4.), "a detailed statement of all expenses incurred by or for any "candidate," made and signed by the candidate, or by his agent, must, within two months after an election, be furnished to the returning officer, and if such statement be found to be wilfully untrue, the person making it is declared guilty of a misdemeanour. That these statements have frequently been wilfully, extremely, and notoriously untrue is proved by the reports both of Committees and Royal Commissions; and it is obvious that those concerned in making them are persons for whom none of the ordinary excuses for falsehood can be offered.

Where declarations are by law required from persons in a humble rank of life, they are often made without scruple by those who have no personal cognizance of the facts which they declare. Public attention has lately been called to the flagrant and systematic violation in Scotland of the clauses in the Print Works Act, 1847 (10 & 11 Vict. c. 70. ss. 3. and 4.), which, in certain cases where children seek for employment, compels the parent to furnish a declaration or certificate of the child's attendance at school. We are informed by the Royal Commission on Education that false certificates on printed forms, sold for the purpose by the smaller booksellers, are readily obtained for a trifling fee, and these are granted not only by disreputable teachers, but "by lodgers to please their landladies, workmen to "get particular children work at a mill, and even by mill girls "to assist a juvenile of the order."*

It is unnecessary to enlarge on the evil effect of such examples on public morality. The Crown and the Legislature have from time to time acknowledged it by repealing the orders or the laws under which such abuses arose. But experience proves that almost every public engagement is liable to lapse into inefficacy, to lose its power of binding the consciences of men, and finally to be treated as null and void even by those who would shrink from the dishonour of breaking a private promise. In the case of official engagements, the process of

* "Second Report of the Education Commissioners for Scotland," 1867, p. cxxxvi.

annulment seems to be somewhat of this kind. Circumstances arise which appear to justify, in some special case, a relaxation of the strict letter of the obligation imposed. But the repeal of a statutory obligation is found to be difficult and tedious, perhaps, during the vacancy of an office, impossible. An aspirant for the post appears, who is possessed, perhaps, of every merit, except a delicate conscience, and who is persuaded by his friends, or persuades himself, that there is no great harm in taking an oath or making a declaration, which he cannot truly take or make, but which, in the opinion of himself and others, the public interest no longer requires to be taken or made at all; he accordingly takes and breaks, or, as it is called, swallows the obligation; his exceptional example becomes a precedent and a rule; and a tacit agreement is arrived at amongst all concerned, that in this particular matter veracity or unveracity is to be a matter of no account. Till legislation formally removes the barrier which practice has thus overthrown, the scandalous spectacle remains of men of honour taking an oath which they intend to break, or making a declaration which they know to be false.

It appears to us that the Legislature ought to be very sparing in the imposition of any declaration or promissory obligation. None ought to be imposed without penalties attached to its non-observance, and those penalties ought to be of a kind which public opinion will approve, and which the executive is prepared to enforce. If the penalty be incurred and not exacted in any single case, the force not only of the violated obligation, but of all similar obligations, is sensibly diminished; and even if the public conscience be at first shocked by the unpunished crime, it will soon become reconciled to the impunity, and ere long may even be disposed to condemn the infliction of the punishment. Since even penalties cannot be relied on to ensure veracity, it seems desirable that in any enactment imposing declarations, power should be reserved to the Secretary of State to dispense with them, subject to the approval of Parliament. When a declaration has lapsed into a mere form, and, as a general rule, is made falsely with impunity, it has obviously not only ceased to be useful, but has become mischievous, and it is for the public advantage that the scandal should be removed as speedily as possible.

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DISSENT (No. IV.)

While generally concurring in the conclusions at which the Commissioners who sign the Third Dissent have arrived, I also specially dissent from the Report in so far as it recommends the omission from the Oaths of allegiance of all reference to the Act of Settlement, and to the succession to the Crown thereby established, on these grounds:—

1. Whatever value (if any) may attach to the maintenance of an Oath of allegiance depends, not on its giving a promise of submission to the reigning Sovereign personally, and those who may happen, *de facto*, to bear the sceptre after her, but on its affording an assurance of loyalty to the *dynasty*, and pledging the party taking it to maintain the succession to the Crown as established by law, and the constitution in so far as it regulates the succession; and—

2. The proposed change in the wording of the Oath so long in use, and the studied omission from it of all reference to the Act of Settlement, would import a depreciation of the Act itself, and of the great revolution from which it flowed, and on which the liberties of the country, civil and religious, rest.

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I.—Oaths and Declarations to be abolished.

OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE.

Oath of Assurance prescribed by 6 Geo. 3. c. 53. to be made by Justices and others in Scotland.*

I do, in the sincerity of my heart, assert, acknowledge, and declare that Her Majesty Queen Victoria is the only lawful and undoubted Sovereign of this realm, as well *de jure*, that is of right, Queen, as *de facto*, that is, in the possession and exercise of the Government; and therefore I do promise and swear that I will with heart and hand, life and goods, maintain and defend Her right, title, and government against the descendants of the person who pretended to be Prince of Wales during the life of the late King James, and since his decease pretended to be and took upon himself the style and title of King of England, by the name of James the Third, or of Scotland by the name of James the Eighth, or the style and title of King of Great Britain, and their adherents, and all other enemies who, either by open or secret attempts, shall disturb or disquiet Her Majesty in the possession and exercise thereof.

HER MAJESTY'S HOUSEHOLD (LORD STEWARD'S DEPARTMENT).

Second Oath taken by a Purveyor.†

You shall swear by the faith you owe unto God, and by the Holy Evangelists, to be a faithful and true servant to our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and shall take her part as touching your allegiance against all others.

* "The Act 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48. substitutes one oath instead of the oaths of allegiance, "supremacy, and abjuration, but unfortunately has left untouched the assurance, "which appears still necessary to be taken, and in practice is so in some counties." (Barclay's *Digest of the Law of Scotland*, p. 49.)

† See p. 81.

You shall nothing know that shall be hurtful or prejudicial to her person or her estate royal, but in case you should know any such things you shall do your endeavour to hinder them, or else in as short a time as conveniently you may give notice thereof to the Lord Steward or some of Her Majesty's Privy Council.

You shall truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office you are called into, vizt.

And you shall truly and diligently exercise and attend the said place and service as to it appertaineth.

So help you GOD and the contents of that book.

TREASURY.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, OR UNDER TREASURER.*

You shall swear that well and truly you shall serve the Queen our Sovereign Lady and her people, in the office of Chancellor, or Under Treasurer. And you shall do right to all manner of people, poor and rich, of such things as toucheth your office. And the Queen's treasure truly you shall keep and dispend. And truly you shall counsel the Queen, and her counsel you shall lain and keep. And that you shall neither know nor suffer the Queen's hurt, nor her disheriting. Nor that the rights of the Crown be distressed by any means as far forth as you may let, and if you may not let it, you make knowledge thereof clearly and expressly to the Queen with your true advice and counsel. And you shall do and purchase the Queen's profit in all that you may reasonably do. As GOD shall help you.

PRIVY COUNCIL (ENGLAND).

DECLARATION MADE BY A PRIVY COUNCILLOR.†
(9 Geo. 4. c. 17. s. 2.)

I, do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare, upon the true faith of a Christian, that I will never exercise any power, authority, or influence which I may possess by virtue of the office of to injure or weaken the Protestant Church as it is by law established in England, or to disturb the said Church, or the Bishops and Clergy of the said Church, in the possession of any rights or privileges to which such Church, or the said Bishops and Clergy, are or may be by law entitled.

* Three oaths of office, now required to be taken by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in addition to the oath given above, will be found at p. 4, under the heading "Court of Exchequer (England)."

† The Act 29 Vict. c. 22. (18th May 1866), after reciting, with other Acts, the Act 9 Geo. 4. c. 17., by which the above declaration was prescribed, enacts as follows:—

"It shall not be obligatory for any person who shall hereafter be placed, elected, or "chosen in or to the office of mayor, alderman, recorder, bailiff, town clerk, or com- "mon councilman, or in or to any office or magistracy, or place, trust, or employ- "ment relating to the government of any city, corporation, borough, or cinque port, "within England and Wales, or the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, either before or "upon or after his admission into any of the aforesaid offices or trusts, or for any "person who shall hereafter be admitted into any office or employment, or who shall "accept from Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, any patent, grant, or commis- "sion, either before or upon or after his admission to any office, employment, or "place of trust, or his acceptance of any patent, grant, or commission, to make and "subscribe any declaration prescribed by any of the said Acts."

The Clerk of the Petty Bag in Chancery, in whose office the making of the declaration by a Privy Councillor should be recorded, states that after the passing of the Act of 1866 it was held by the Lord Chancellor (Lord Chelmsford) that the terms of the Act did not positively relieve Privy Councillors from the necessity of making the declaration; and that, accordingly, the practice of administering the declaration to persons sworn of the Privy Council has continued to the present time.

DEPARTMENTS OF THE SECRETARIES OF STATE.

Oath taken by a Secretary of State.

You shall swear to be a true and faithful servant unto the Queen's Majesty as one of the Principal Secretaries of State. You shall not know nor understand of any manner of thing to be attempted, done, or spoken against Her Majesty's person, honour, Crown, or dignity royal; but you shall let and withstand the same to the uttermost of your power, and either reveal, or cause to be revealed, either to Her Majesty herself, or to the Privy Council. You shall keep secret all matters revealed and committed unto you, or that shall be secretly treated of in Council. And if any of the said treaties or councils shall touch any of the councillors, you shall not reveal the same unto him, but shall keep the same until such time as, by the consent of Her Majesty, or of the Council, publication shall be made thereof. You shall to your uttermost bear faith and allegiance unto the Queen's Majesty, and shall assist and defend all jurisdictions, pre-eminences, and authorities granted to Her Majesty, and annexed to the Crown by Act of Parliament or otherwise, against all foreign princes, persons, prelates, states, or potentates. And generally in all things you shall do as a faithful and true servant ought to do to Her Majesty.

So help you God, and the holy contents of this Book.

PRIVY COUNCIL (IRELAND).

Declaration against Transubstantiation, &c. made by the Lord Lieutenant or Lords Justices (3 Will. & Mary, c. 2. s. 5).

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare that I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper there is not any transubstantiation of the elements of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, at or after the consecration thereof by any person whatsoever; and that the invocation or adoration of the Virgin Mary, or any other saint, and the sacrifice of the Mass, as they are now used in the Church of Rome, are superstitious and idolatrous; and I do solemnly [and sincerely],* in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare that I do make this declarasion, and every part thereof, in the plain and ordinary sense of the words read unto me, as they are commonly understood by Protestants, without any evasion, equivocation, or mental reservation whatsoever, and without any dispensation already granted me for this purpose by the Pope, or any other authority or person whatsoever, or without any hope of dispensation from any person or authority whatsoever, or without believing that I am or can be acquitted before God or man, or absolved of this declaration, or any part thereof, although the Pope, or any other person or persons, or power whatsoever, should dispense with or annul the same, or declare that it was null and void from the beginning.

COURT OF CHANCERY (IRELAND).

Declaration against Transubstantiation, &c. made by the Lord Chancellor.†

I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare that I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper there is not any transubstantiation of the elements of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, at or after the consecration thereof by any person whatsoever; and that the invocation or adoration of the Virgin Mary, or any other saint, and the sacrifice of the Mass, as they are now used in the Church of Rome, are superstitious and idolatrous; and I do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare that I do make this declara-

* The words in brackets are not given in the form prescribed by the statute.

† This form differs somewhat from the form prescribed by statute, which is given above.

tion, and every part thereof, in the plain and ordinary sense of the words read unto me, as they are commonly understood by Protestants, without any evasion, equivocation, or mental reservation whatsoever, and without any dispensation already granted me for this purpose by the Pope, or any other authority or person whatsoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God or man, or absolved of this declaration, or any part thereof, although the Pope, or any other person or persons, or power whatsoever, should dispense with or annul the same, or declare that it was null and void from the beginning.

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH (IRELAND).

Oath taken by the Master and the Clerk of the Rules.

You shall swear you shall truly occupy and execute the office of Master [or Clerk of the Rules] of Her Majesty's Court of Chief Place in Ireland. You shall do no falsehood or deceit in the execution of your said office in any way, nor consent to any, and if you do know of any done within your said office you shall give notice thereof to the Queen's Judges of this Court, or to some one of them. You shall increase no fees, nor delay any man for lucre or malice. You shall not erase nor deface, nor consent to the erasing or defacing of any record in your said office, or in any other office or place of this Court, whereby the right of the King or any of his subjects may be hindered or damnified; and furthermore you shall use and demean yourself in the same office acording to your power, will, skill, and discretion. So help me God.

Oath taken by the Clerk of the Crown.

You shall swear that during the time you shall exercise the office of Clerk of the Crown of Our Sovereign Lady the Queen in this Court you shall well and truly serve our said Sovereign Lady the Queen and her people in the said office. You shall be diligent to further and despatch the Queen's business from time to time, as need shall require, and well and truly demean yourself in the said office. The counsel of the Queen, in anything that belongeth to your said office, you shall not disclose. You shall not procure nor assent unto any disherison to the Queen's Majesty, to your power or knowledge. You shall not procure nor assent unto any fraud or deceit, to be had, or any done unto any of Her Majesty's records, whereunto you shall have recourse. You shall from time to time, according to the accustomed manner, write and extract out, or cause to be written and extracted out, of all amerciaments, fines, issues, and forfeitures. You shall from henceforth duly and truly deliver and certify, or cause to be delivered and certified, as hath heretofore been accustomed, and you shall well and truly perform, and do all things appertaining and belonging unto the duty of your place, according to your power, learning, and skill.

So help me God.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER (ENGLAND).

Oaths taken by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.*

Ye shall swere that ye shall serue well and trewly the Kyng our Souereign Lord in the office of Chaunceler of the Escheker, and well and trewly ye shall do all thyngs that perteigneth unto that office. And ye shall spede the Kyng's beseignez byfore all other. And ye shall not enseale any writte of juggment of any other place than of this Escheker with the seall of this place whiles the Chauncerie shall be xx myle aboute the place where this Eschequer is abydyng. And also ye shall swere that if it fortune you hereafter by reason of your office to make any clerkes or mynistres to occupie any office or place within this Courte, ye shall make such clerks and mynistres as ye wyll answere for at your perill and such as shall be sufficiant true and entendaunt unto that to theym shall appertaigne in spede as well of the Kynge's bessignes as of his people, after the forme of the Statute in that behalve made in the Parliament holden at Westminster the secunde yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the VJth.

* See also under heading "Treasury," on p. 2.

Ye shall well and truely serue the Kyng our Soueraign Lord in the rome of Under Treasourer of this his Eschequer and in the recept of the same. And wele and truely survey and order as well the receipts of all sumes of money payed and to be payed to the Kyng's use in the seid recept as the issue of the same. And well and truely behave yourself in the same roome.

So help you GOD and all Saynts and the Holy Evangelyst.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER AS CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER FOR IRELAND.

You shall swear that you shall truly and faithfully serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty in the office of Chancellor of Her Highness's Court of Exchequer of that part of the United Kingdom called Ireland, and rightly shall you do unto all persons, as well unto the poor as to the rich. And that neither for highness of riches, nor for hate, nor for the estate of any person, nor for gift, benefit, nor promise that shall be made unto you, you shall not let nor delay the right of any man that shall have to do before you by virtue of your said office. The Queen's seal of the same Court incident to your said office you shall carefully and safely keep, and no processes, writs, or other things shall you therewith seal but such as shall be warranted by order, judgment, or direction of the Court, Lord Treasurer, or Chief Baron, or, in his absence, of some other Baron of the same Court, except original processes. The Queen's causes you shall speed before any other. And where you shall understand wrong or prejudice to be done to the Queen, you shall put all your power and diligence to redress it. And where you may not you shall tell it to the Lord Treasurer or to the Queen's Majesty's deputy of the realm in Ireland for the time being. The Queen's counsel in all things appertaining to your said office you shall surely keep. And rightly and duly you shall do in all things that belongeth to you to do by virtue of your said office. So help you GOD in Jesus Christ.

LIVERPOOL COURT OF PASSAGE.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ATTORNEY OF THE COURT.

You shall truly and faithfully execute the office of Attorney in this borough of Liverpool, and to the utmost of your power and ability shall maintain and uphold the liberties and jurisdictions of this Court, without doing any thing to the prejudice thereof; you shall not do any falsehood or deceit or consent to any to be done, but if you know of any shall give knowledge thereof to the Mayor for the time being or his deputy; you shall not plead any foreign plea, nor wittingly or willingly sue or cause to be sued any false suits, nor give aid or consent to the same; you shall not increase accustomed ffees, nor delay any man's cause for lucre or malice, on pain of being expulsed from this Court for ever; but shall do and perform all things belonging to your said office, according to your best skill and knowledge with favour or affection to any person or persons. So help you GOD.

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS.

OATH TAKEN BY A SERJEANT-AT-LAW IN ENGLAND.

You shall swear well and truly to serve the Queen's people as one of the Serjeants-at-Law, and you shall truly counsel them that you be retained with, after your cunning; and you shall not defer or delay their causes willingly for coveting of money or other thing that may turn you to profit, and you shall give your attendance accordingly. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ATTORNEY OR SOLICITOR IN ENGLAND (6 & 7 Vict. c. 73. s. 19).

I, A.B., do swear [*or* solemnly affirm, *as the case may be*], that I will truly and honestly demean myself in the practice of an Attorney [*or* Solicitor, *as the case may be*], according to the best of my knowledge and ability.

So help me GOD.

Oath taken by a Barrister in Ireland.

I, , do sincerely promise and swear that I will not knowingly or willingly suffer any barrister-at-law, attorney, or solicitor, or any other person, who, by any Act of Parliament made in this kingdom, is disqualified to practise as a barrister-at-law, attorney, or solicitor, to act or practise in my name in any cause, suit, or matter in any court of law or equity in this kingdom,

So help me God.

Oath taken by a Queen's Counsel in Ireland.

You shall, as far forth as your cunning and discretion sufficeth, truly, justly, and evenly counsel and advise the Queen in all matters to be communed, treated, and demeaned by the Queen's Counsel, or by you as the Queen's Counsellor, and generally in all things that may be to the Queen's honour and behoof, and to the good of her realms, lordships, and subjects, without partiality or acception of person, not leaving or eschewing so to do for affection, love, meed, doubt, or dread of any person or persons; and you shall keep secret the Queen's counsel and all that shall be communed by way of counsel in the same, without that ye shall commune it, publish it, or discover it, by word, writing, or in any otherwise to any person out of the same council, or to any of the same council, if it touch him, or if he be party thereto. And that you shall not, for gift, meed, nor good, nor promise of good by you, nor by mean of any other person, receive or admit for promotion, favouring, nor for declaring, letting, or hindering of any matter or thing to be treated or done in the said council; you shall also with all your might and power help and strengthen the Queen's said council in all that shall be thought unto the same council for the universal good of the Queen and her land, and for the peace, rest, and tranquillity of the same, and withstand any person or persons of what condition, estate, or degree they be of, that would by way of feat attempt or intend to the contrary; and generally you shall observe, keep all, and do all that a good true counsellor ought for to do unto his Sovereign Lady.

So help you God, and by the contents of this Book.

Oath taken by a Queen's Serjeant in Ireland.

Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall serve the Queen and her people, as one of her Serjeants of the Law, and truly counsel the Queen in her matters when ye shall be called, and duly and truly minister the Queen's matters, after the course of the law to your cunning; ye shall take no wages nor fee of any man for any matter, where the Queen is party, against the Queen; ye shall as duly and hastily speed such matters as any man shall have to do against the Queen in the law as ye may lawfully do, without delay or tarrying of the party of his lawful process in that that belongeth to you; ye shall be attendant to the Queen's matters when ye shall be called thereto.

As God you help, and by the contents of this Book.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

Oath taken by all Candidates for Degrees.

Ego, A. B., sincere promitto et juro, me fidelem futurum, et veram allegientiam Regiæ Majestati præstiturum. Ita me Deus adjuvet, etc.

Ego, A. B., vere et sincere agnosco, profiteor, tester et declaro, in conscientiâ meâ, coram Deo et mundo, supremam Dominam nostram Victoriam Reginam, esse justam et legitimam reginam hujus regni, et aliorum omnium ipsius dominiorum et regionum eidem pertinentium.

Item solenniter et sincere declaro, me credere in conscientiâ meâ, neminem ex posteris ejus, qui durante vitâ nuperi regis Jacobi Secundi, titulum Principis Galliarum assumpsit, eodemque mortuo, stylum ac titulum regis Angliæ nomine Jacobi Tertii; vel Scotiæ, nomine Jacobi Octavi, aut stylum ac titulum regis Magnæ Britanniæ assumpsit et vindicavit; jus aliquod vel titulum quamcunque habere, ad coronam hujus regni, vel alicujus Dominiorum eidem pertinentium; et renuncio, recuso, et abjuro allegientiam quamcunque aut obedientiam, cuilibet ex iis præstandam.

Item juro, me fidelem futurum, et veram allegientiam præstiturum Regiæ Majestati, Victoriæ; atque eandem summâ ope defensurum, adversus omnes proditorum conjurationes, et conatus contra ipsius personam, coronam aut dignitatem; atque insuper, me pro virili meâ, reginæ et successoribus ejus indicaturum, et palam facturum, omnes proditiones atque conjurationes quas contra ipsam aut aliquem ex iis fieri cognovero.

Item fideliter promitto, me pro virili meâ sustenturum servaturum, et defensurum successionem coronæ adversus posteros prædicti Jacobi, et alios omnes quoscunque; quæ quidem successio, per Actum Parliamenti (cui titulus "An Act for the further limitation of the Crown, and for the better securing "the Rights and Liberties of the Subject,") limitatur, et in posterum limitanda est, Principissæ Sophiæ, Hanoveriæ Electrici et Ducissæ Dotariæ, et hæredibus ipsius corporis, qui erunt Protestantes.

Hæc omnia plane et sincere agnosco, et juro, juxta hæc verba diserte a me jam enunciata, et secundum ipsorum planum et communem sensum ac intelligentiam; sine omni æquivocatione, mentali evasione, aut privatâ reservatione qualicunque; et hanc recognitionem, agnitionem, abjurationem, renunciationem, et promissionem, ex animo libenter et vere facio, pro eâ fide, quâ verum me Christianum agnosco.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.

Oath taken by a Graduate in Arts and Medicine.

Ego, A.B., coram Omniscio et Omnipotenti Deo, religionem Christianam, quousque in Sancto Dei Verbo palam proponitur, publice profiteor; Insuper Almæ Matri Academiæ, cui ingenii culturam atque hos honores academicos debeo, me benevolentiam quam potero liberaliter relaturum sancte promitto.

Ita me Deus adjuvet.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREW'S.

Oath taken by a Graduate in Arts.

Ego ingenuus adolescens Universitatis Andreanæ Alumnus qui nomen subscribo agnosco me ejusdem Almæ Matris beneficio in literis et honestis disciplinis educatum esse, et jam Magisterii titulo donandus sancte polliceor, me in religionis, parioris et ab omnibus Pontificiorum erroribus reformatæ professione et in omni debitæ observantiæ officio erga dictam Almam Matrem, ad extremum vitæ halitum perseveraturum.

DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY TO THE LITURGY.

Declaration prescribed to be taken by all Masters, Fellows, or Tutors of Colleges, Professors or Readers, Lecturers or Public Schoolmasters, on their Appointment (13 & 14 Car. c. 4. s. 9.)*

I do declare that I will conform to the Liturgy of the Church of England as it is now by law established.

CITY OF LONDON.

Second Oath taken by the Sheriffs.†

Ye shall also sweare that ye shall freely give all such roomes and offices of sergeants and yeomen as shall happen to become voide during the tyme ye

* The residue of the above declaration (for the full form see the Statute) is repealed by the 12th section of the above Act, and by the 1 Will. & Mar. sess. 1. c. 8. s. 11. As to *private* schoolmasters, the declaration is repealed by 9 & 10 Vict. c. 59.

† The other oath taken by the sheriffs, for which it is recommended that a declaration should be substituted, will be found at p. 105.

shall remayne in th' office of Shrevialty, to such apt and able person or persons as shalbe by you nomynated to the lord maior and courte of aldermen, and by them admytted without any money or other reward to be had, taken, or hoped for in respect thereof, according to the Acte of Comon Counsell, made and provided in that behalf the nyne and twentieth of April, in the six and twentieth year of the reigne of our Soveraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth.

As God you helpe.

Oath taken by the Attorneys of the Lord Mayor's Court.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and lawfully doe your office of Attorney, and well and lawfully examyne your clyents and their quarrels, without champarty, and without procuring of any juries or any enquests embracing. And that ye shall change no quarrell out of his nature after your understanding. Also ye shall pleade ne ley, nor suffer to be pleaded or leyed by your assent no forreyne release, acquittance, payment, arbytracon playne accompt whatsoever it be, to put the courte out of his jurisdiccion, nor none other matter, but it be such as ye may fynde rightfull and true by the information of your clyents, whose information and saying upon your othe and conscience ye shall thinck to be true. And yee shall not enforme ne enforce any man to see falsely agaynst any persons by false or forged action. Attendant shalbe upon the maior of the said citty for the tyme being; and ready ye shalbe at all tymes to come at the warnyng of the said maior; but if ye be letted about the besoignes of the said citty, or by some other reasonable cause. Ye shall not delyver any booke or any manner copy to any person of any thing that towcheth the liberty of this citty without lycence and oversight of the maior, recorder, and towne clerck of this citty for the tyme being, or of two of them, or shewe to any person any booke concernyng the customes of the said citty, nor suffer any person to looke upon any such booke of customes at any tyme, saving onely the counsell of this citty, but that ye shall keepe the same bookes secret amonngs yourselues. The secretts of this courte ye shall kepe, and not disclose anything there spoken for the comon weal of the said citty that might hurt any person or brother of the said court, unlesse it be spoken to his said brother, or to other which in his conscience and discretion he shall think it to be for the comon weale of this citty. And that well and lawfully ye shall doe all such things that to the office of Attorney pertayneth to doe.

As God helpe you.

Oath taken by the Clerk of the Bridgehouse.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall be true to God and to the
and to the works of the Bridge of London, as well on water as on land, and obedient to the maisters of the same nowe being and theire successors maisters of the said bridge, which hereafter during the tyme of this your service and office of clerkshipp shalbe, and all manner of things that they or any of them commaunde you to doe for the good order, availe, and profitt of the said bridge and works of the same, you shall diligently doe to your power and will, lowly and honestly beare you and behaue you towards them as a servaunt ought to doe towards his maister. And the secretts of the place, such as shall come unto your sight or knowledge by reason of your said office ye shall not disclose nor discover to any person or persons in any such wise as the said maisters or any of theire said successors, or the said bridgwork or place might take any hurt or damage thereby. And all such goods, registers, or other writings whatsoever pertayning to your said office which be nowe in your custodie, rule, and governaunce, or at any tyme hereafter shall come unto the same your rule and possession and governaunce, that ye unto your power well and truly keepe them and demeane them to the use and proffitt of the said bridge, workes, and place. And that you give due and dayly attendance from hower to hower, and from tyme to tyme unto the said maisters concernyng your office as oft as is needefull without a reasonable cause by them allowed excuse you. And that ye keepe a true and iust accompt yerely indifferently between the said maisters and the citty of London to be given up yerely to the auditors of the same as of a laudable manner in tymes past it hath bene accustomed and used as ye will answer afore God during the tyme of your said office and service of clerckshipp, and diligently

at all tymes convenient ye shall register all such writings as the said maisters now being, and hereafter shalbe during your tyme of office, shall moue you to doe for a perpetuall memory hereafter of all such causes as shall be necessary and needfull to be put in remembrance for the profitt of the said Bridgehouse and place. And this to doe without fraude and male-engine.

So God you helpe.

Oath taken by the Registrar of the Mayor's Court.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall be good and true to our Soveraign the and to heirs and lawful successors, and unto the city of London, and the liberties and franchises of the same, to your power ye shall mayntayne and defend. And the counsel of the said citty ye shall kepe, and the harme of the same ye shall not knowe but ye shall open it unto the mayor and aldermen of the said citty for the time being. And attendant ye shall be uppon the maior of the said citty for the time being, and ready ye shall be at all tymes to come at the warning of the said mayor; but if ye be letted about the business of this citty, or by some other reasonable cause, and all plees of hustings, and all other plees and records that to you belongeth to enter, yee shall truly enrolle and enter, and all things that cometh to your keeping as well records as other things of the citty, you shall doe your diligence safely to keep. Ye shall shewe ne deliver no records nor other muniments of the citty whereby the citty might be hurt, nor no records that towcheth the right of any person ys shall hide, conceale, ne deny. And good counsell after your will and power ye shall give in all things touching the weale of this city. Also ye shall keepe no clerke under you, but such as shall be abled and admitted by the mayor and aldermen of the said citty for the time being, and sworne before the said mayor and aldermen. Also ye shall sweare that ye shall take no money, reward, or gift of any person for any matter to be moved, or the which shall hang before the mayor, aldermen, or sheriffs, or before the mayor of this citty of London for the time being. Also ye shall take no manner, money, nor other rewarde for any matter or cause which shall be moved or hang in any court of this citty wherein by reason of your office you shall have any authority or power, except only the fees to your office due and of right belonging. And in all things to your office pertaining well and lawfully ye shall behaue you.

As God you helpe.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

Oath taken by a Governor or a Deputy Governor.

I being nominated or elected to be of the Company of the Bank of England, do promise and swear, That I will, to the utmost of my power by all lawful ways and means, endeavour to support and maintain the the body politick, or fellowship of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and the liberties and privileges thereof; and that in the execution of the said office of I will faithfully and honestly demean myself according to the best of my skill and understanding. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Director.

I do swear, That, in the office of a Director of the Corporation or Company of the Bank of England, I will be indifferent and equal to all manner of persons, and I will give my best advice and assistance for the support and good government of the said Corporation; and in the execution of the said office of Director, I will faithfully and honestly demean myself according to the best of my skill and understanding. So help me God.

Declaration made by an Officer of the Bank.

I, the undersigned, request to be elected into the service of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and I do solemnly and sincerely

declare, that in case I shall be so elected, I will be true and faithful to the said Governor and Company, and will faithfully and truly execute and discharge the said service to the utmost of my skill and power.

BANK OF IRELAND.

Oath taken by a Governor or a Deputy Governor.

An Oath in the same form as that prescribed for a Governor or Deputy Governor of the Bank of England.

Oath taken by a Director.

An Oath in the same form as that prescribed for a Director of the Bank of England.

Oath taken by a Proprietor.

I, A.B., do swear that I will be faithful to the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, whereof I am a member; and in all general courts, when and so often as I shall be present, will, according to the best of my skill and understanding, give my advice, counsel, and assistance for the support and good government of the said Corporation. So help me God.

Oath taken by Officers and Clerks.

I, A.B., being elected into the office or place of Clerk to the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, do swear that I will be true and faithful to the said Governor and Company, and will faithfully and truly execute and discharge the said office or place of Clerk to the utmost of my skill and power. So help me God.

BANK OF SCOTLAND.

Oath taken by the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Directors.

I, A.B., do swear that the sum of of the Stock of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland, doth at this time belong to me in my own right, and not in trust; and that in the office of I will be equal to all persons, and give my best advice for the support of the Bank of Scotland, and in the said office honestly demean myself to the best of my skill.

Oath taken by the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers.

I, A.B., being by the Directors of the said Bank chosen to be to the Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland, and as such an officer for the affairs of the said Governor and Company, do solemnly promise and swear to be honest and faithful to the said Governor and Company in the said office and trust of , and to act and do in the said office and trust to the best of my skill and ability, and never reveal or disclose any of the affairs, transactions, or regulations of the said company which shall be committed or known to me in any manner soever. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Manager or Sub-Manager, Agent or Sub-Agent of a Branch.

I, A.B., whereas pursuant to public Act of Parliament, passed in the Forty-fourth year of the reign of King George the Third, cap. 23, intituled "An Act "for farther increasing the Capital Stock of the Governor and Company of "the Bank of Scotland," the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Directors of the Bank of Scotland have chosen me to be an officer of the said Bank, and to officiate as their at I do promise and swear

that I shall be faithful in the said office of at , and to the best of my judgment and ability will do and execute everything relative to the trust committed to me, and will abstain from doing anything prejudicial thereto, and that I shall be equal to all parties, and will never at any time disclose any concern of the said Bank which may be committed to me, or become known to me. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY INSPECTORS (AUDITORS).

We, A.B. and C.D., being by the general meeting of the body corporate and politick, called the Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland, held on the day of appointed, as a committee of the said Governor and Company, Inspectors for examination of their books and accounts for the year ending , do swear that we shall be faithful, and act to the best of our ability in the discharge of the said trust, and that we shall not at any time disclose any transaction whatever thereby made known to us.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A PERSON CLAIMING TO VOTE AT THE ELECTIONS OF MANAGERS OR ANY MEETING OF THE BANK.

I, A.B., do swear (or being one of the people called Quakers, do solemnly affirm) that the shares of the capital stock of the body politick, called the Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland, now standing in my name belong to me in my own right, and not in trust for any person or persons whatsoever. So help me GOD.

BIRMINGHAM GUN BARREL PROOF HOUSE.

OATH TAKEN BY THE PROOF MASTER.

(53 Geo. 3. c. 115. s. 8.)

I do swear that I will be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and will, so long as I continue Proof Master of the Birmingham Gun Barrel Proof House, well and faithfully behave myself in the said office, and prove all barrels brought to me for that purpose, according to the scale and table mentioned and set forth in an Act of Parliament made and passed in the fifty-third year of the reign of King George the Third, intituled "An Act to insure the proper and careful manufacturing of Fire-arms in "England, and for making Provision for Proving the Barrels of such Fire-"arms;" and that I will not, during the time I shall continue such Proof Master, take any fee or reward from any person or persons to prove any barrel or barrels otherwise than as the said Act directs; and that I will execute the said office without favour or affection, prejudice or malice, and to the best of my skill and ability. So help me GOD.

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR EXTENDING FISHERIES, &c.

OATH TAKEN BY THE GOVERNOR, THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR, OR A DIRECTOR.

(26 Geo. 3. c. 106. s. 17.)

I, A.B., do swear that I will discharge the trust and duties of of the British Society for extending the Fisheries and improving the Sea Coasts of this kingdom, truthfully and faithfully, to the best of my judgment and understanding. So help me GOD.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

Oath taken by the Governor and Deputy Governor.

I do swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and that I will to my power support and maintain the Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay, and the privileges of the same, having no particular or private regard to myself in prejudice of the common weal of the said Company.

The laws, orders, and constitutions which have been or shall be made by authority of the said Company indifferently I will execute, not sparing for love or dread, but to every person I will be just, indifferent, and equal.

The secrets of the said Company, which I shall be requested to conceal, I will not disclose, and during the joint stock of the said Company I will not directly or indirectly trade to any of the limits of the Company's charter without leave of the Company first had and obtained, and in all things I will truly and faithfully discharge the office of of the said Company.

So help me God.

Oath taken by a Member of the Committee.

I do swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria. I will be obedient, respectful, and assistant to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay, and to my power will support and maintain the said Company, and the privileges of the same, having no singular or private regard to myself in hurt and prejudice of the common weal of the said Company.

All statutes and ordinances not repealed, which have or shall be made by the said Governor, Deputy Governor, and Company, I will to my best knowledge truly hold and keep.

The secrets of the said Company which shall be given me in charge to conceal I will not disclose, and during the joint stock of the said Company I will not directly or indirectly trade to any of the limits of the Company's charter without leave of the said Company first had and obtained, and in all things committed to my charge I will truly and faithfully execute and discharge the office of a Committee Man of the said Company. So help me God.

II. Oaths and Declarations to be retained without Alteration in Form.

The following oaths and declaration are required by the Act 7 Will. 4. and 1 Vict. c. 72. to be taken and made by the Lords Justices who are to be appointed in the event of the next successor to the Crown being out of the realm at the time of the demise of Her Majesty.

Oaths prescribed by the Act (s. 7.)

I, A. B., do solemnly promise and swear that I will truly and faithfully execute the office of Lord Justice of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, according to an Act of Parliament made in the first year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to provide for the appointment of Lords Justices in case of the next successor to the Crown being out of the realm at the time of the demise of Her Majesty;" and that I will administer the government of this realm, and of all the dominions thereunto belonging, according to the laws, customs, and statutes thereof, and will in all things, to the utmost of my power and ability, consult and maintain the safety, honour, and dignity of His [*or* Her, *as the case shall require*,] Majesty, and the welfare of His [*or* Her, *as the case shall require*,] people.

So help me God.

I do faithfully promise and swear that I will inviolably maintain and preserve the settlement of the true Protestant religion, with the government, discipline, rights and privileges of the Church of Scotland, as established by law. So help me God.

Declaration prescribed by 9 Geo. 4. c. 17. s. 2.*

I, do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare, upon the true faith of a Christian, that I will never exercise any power, authority, or influence which I may possess by virtue of the office of to injure or weaken the Protestant Church, as it is by law established in England, or to disturb the said Church, or the Bishops or Clergy of the said Church, in the possession of any rights or privileges to which such Church, or the said Bishops and Clergy, are or may be by law entitled.

ADMIRALTY.

Declaration made by Persons employed in Dock and Victualling Yards.

I, do sincerely promise and declare, that I will be faithful, and true allegiance bear to Her Majesty, and that I will faithfully, honestly, and diligently, according to the best and utmost of my skill and knowledge, execute and perform the office of to which I am appointed in Her Majesty's dockyard at and will strictly and faithfully comply with all such instructions and orders as shall from time to time be given to me by the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, or by any officer superior to me in my line of duty; and that I will not, either directly or indirectly, accept, take, or receive from any owner of a ship or vessel, merchant, contractor, tradesman, workman, or other person or persons whomsoever, any sum or sums of money, or other thing, under any name, promise, or pretence, either as a fee, gratuity, perquisite, or reward, for

* This declaration has since been abolished by the Act 29 Vict. c. 22. See note on p. 2.

the execution, or discharge, or forbearance of any of the duties of my office, or consequent thereupon; nor receive any emolument whatever in respect of my said office of over and beyond the salary and such allowances as may from time to time be specially granted to me by the immediate authority of the said Commissioners; and that I will not, either directly or indirectly, have any interest, or concern in, or act as broker or agent for any ship or vessel which shall be tendered or hired for the service of Government, or in any stores furnished or provided for Her Majesty's navy, or for ships engaged in the service of Government; or in the purchase of any ship, vessel, or stores which shall be sold by Government, or by the order of Government; and that I will not demand, take, or receive any gratuity, recompence, perquisite, or reward from any master or owner, or other person whomsoever, in respect of any ships or vessels which may be permitted to come to the Queen's moorings; nor demand, take, or receive, either directly or indirectly, any fee, gratuity, perquisite, or reward, for the nomination, appointment, or entry, or for interference in the appointment or entry, of any clerk or person appointed or entered in any department of the dockyard.

AUDIT OFFICE.

DECLARATION MADE BY A COMMISSIONER (25 Geo. 3. c. 52. s. 4; 45 Geo. 3. c. 91. s. 2; 5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 62; Gazette, 28th June, 1836).

I, do solemnly and sincerely declare that, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, I will faithfully, impartially, and truly execute the several powers and trusts vested in me by an "Act for better Examining and Auditing the Public Accounts of this Kingdom."

DECLARATION MADE BY AN OFFICER OR CLERK (25 Geo. 3. c. 52. s. 8; 39 Geo. 3. c. 83. s. 12; Gazette, 28th June 1836).

I, do solemnly and sincerely declare that, according to the best of my abilities, I will faithfully execute the duties of my office, and be obedient to the orders of my superiors; and I further declare, with reference to the directions contained in two Treasury Warrants, dated the 1st of June 1849—one for the regulation and conduct of the business of the Audit Office, the other for the establishment of the Audit Office,—of which copies have been furnished to me, that I will not take or receive any reward or gratuity, directly or indirectly, other than my salary, or what shall be allowed to me from the Crown, for any service done or to be done in the execution of my said employment on any account whatsoever; and I further declare that I am not now engaged, nor will I hereafter engage without the consent of my superiors, in any professional or commercial occupation, and that I will true allegiance bear to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and her successors.

COPYHOLD, INCLOSURE, AND TITHE COMMISSION.

DECLARATION MADE BY A COPYHOLD COMMISSIONER (4 & 5 Vict. c. 35. s. 9).

I, A.B., do solemnly declare that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and judgment, fulfil all the powers and duties of a Commissioner under an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for the Commutation of certain Manorial Rights in respect of Lands of Copyhold and Customary Tenure, and in respect of other Lands subject to such Rights, and for facilitating the Enfranchisement of such Lands, and for the Improvement of such Tenure."

DECLARATION MADE BY AN INCLOSURE COMMISSIONER AND AN ASSISTANT INCLOSURE COMMISSIONER (8 & 9 Vict. c. 118. s. 8).

I, , do solemnly declare that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the powers and duties of a Commissioner [*or* an Assistant Commissioner, *as the case may be*,] under an Act passed the year of the reign of Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to facilitate the Inclosure and Improvement of Commons and Lands held in common, the Exchange of Lands, and the Division of intermixed Lands; to provide Remedies for defective or incomplete Executions, and for the Non-execution of the Powers of General and Local Inclosure Acts; and to provide for the Revival of such Powers in certain Cases."

DECLARATION MADE BY A VALUER ACTING UNDER THE INCLOSURE COMMISSIONERS (8 & 9 Vict. c. 118. s. 38).

I, , do solemnly declare that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and judgment, perform all the duties of a Valuer in the inclosure of according to the provisions of an Act passed, &c. &c.

CUSTOMS.

DECLARATION MADE BY AN OFFICER (16 & 17 Vict. c. 107. s. 4).

I [*A.B.*] do declare that I will be true and faithful in the execution, to the best of my knowledge and power, of the trust committed to my charge and inspection in the service of Her Majesty's Customs, and that I will not require, take, or receive any fee, perquisite, gratuity, or reward, whether pecuniary or of any sort or description whatever, either directly or indirectly, for any service, act, duty, matter, or thing, done or performed in the execution or discharge of any of the duties of my office or employment, on any account whatever, other than my salary and what is or shall be allowed me by law, or by any Special Order of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs for the time being.

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSION (ENGLAND AND IRELAND).

DECLARATION MADE BY A COMMISSIONER (6 & 7 Will. 4. c. 77. s. 3; 3 & 4 Will. 4. c. 37. s. 2).

I do hereby solemnly, and in the presence of God, testify and declare that I am a member of the United Church of England and Ireland as by law established.

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

DECLARATION MADE BY ALL THE OFFICERS OF THE POST OFFICE (7 Will. 4 & 1 Vict. c. 33. s. 10., and schedule).

I, , do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will not wittingly or willingly open or delay, or cause or suffer to be opened or delayed, contrary to my duty, any letter or anything sent by the post which shall come into my hands or custody by reason of my employment relating to the Post Office, except by the consent of the person or persons to whom the same shall be directed, or by an express warrant in writing under the hand of one of the Principal Secretaries of State for that purpose, or except in such cases where the party or parties to whom such letter or anything sent by the post shall be directed, and who is or are chargeable with the payment of the postage thereof, shall refuse or neglect to pay the same; and except such letters or anything sent by the post as shall be returned for want of true directions, or when the party or parties to whom the same shall be directed cannot be found; and that I will not in any way embezzle any such letter or anything sent by

the post as aforesaid; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously intending to fulfil and obey the same, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act passed in the first year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for the Management and Regulation of the Post Office."

INLAND REVENUE.

Declaration made by an Officer of Excise.

I, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, and will execute the office of , to which I am appointed, truly and faithfully, without favour or affection; and that I will from time to time a true account make and deliver to such person or persons as shall be duly appointed to receive the same; and that I will not take any fee or reward, in or for the execution of the said office, from any other person than Her Majesty, or those whom Her Majesty shall appoint in that behalf.

OFFICE OF WORKS, &c.

Declaration made by the First Commissioner (2 Will. 4. c. 1.; 14 & 15 Vict. c. 42; 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 62.)

I do declare that I will faithfully and diligently execute the duties of First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

WEST INDIA ISLANDS RELIEF COMMISSION.

Declaration made by a Commissioner (2 & 3 Will. 4. c. 125. s. 6.; 5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 62.)

I, A.B, do solemnly and sincerely declare that according to the best of my judgment I will faithfully and impartially execute the several powers and trusts vested in me by an Act intituled "An Act for enabling His Majesty to "direct the Issue of Exchequer Bills to a limited Amount for the Purposes "and in the Manner therein mentioned, and for giving Relief to Trinidad, "British Guiana, and St. Lucie," according to the tenor and purport of the said Act.

A declaration is also made by the officers engaged under the Commissioners as to "their faithful demeanour in all things relating to the due performance "of the trusts reposed in them by the said Commissioners" (2 & 3 Will. 4. c. 125. s. 7; 5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 62).

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Declaration made by a Commissioner

appointed under the Commissioners Clauses Act (10 & 11 Vict. c. 16. s. 12).

I, A.B., do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially, according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the [*here name the special Act*], and also that I [*here set forth a statement of the possession of the qualifications required by the special Act in the terms thereof*].

DECLARATION MADE BY AN ARBITRATOR

appointed under the provisions of either of the following Acts:—

The Land Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845 (8 & 9 Vict. c. 18).
The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845 (8 & 9 Vict. c. 20).
The Public Health Act, 1848 (11 & 12 Vict. c. 63).*
The Railways Act (Ireland), 1851 (14 & 15 Vict. c. 70).
The Juvenile Convict Prisons Act, 1856 (19 & 20 Vict. c. 24).
The Drainage and Improvements of Lands Act (Ireland), 1863 (26 & 27 Vict. c. 88).

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully and honestly, and to the best of my skill and ability, hear and determine the matter referred to me under [the provisions of] .

DECLARATION MADE BY A SURVEYOR

appointed under the Metropolitan Buildings Act (7 & 8 Vict. c. 84. s. 71).

I, A.B., being one of the surveyors appointed in pursuance of an Act made and passed in the eighth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for regulating the Construction and the Use of Buildings "in the Metropolis and its Neighbourhood," and commonly called the "Metro-"politan Buildings Act," do solemnly declare that I will diligently, faithfully, and impartially perform the duties of my office, and to the utmost of my power, skill, and ability endeavour to cause the several provisions of the said Act to be strictly observed, and that without favour or affection, prejudice or malice, to any person whomsoever.

DECLARATION MADE BY AN OFFICIAL REFEREE OR A REGISTRAR

appointed under the same Act (ss. 87, 90).

I, A.B., do solemnly declare that I will diligently, faithfully, and impartially execute the duties of in relation to matters arising under the provisions of the Act made and passed in the eighth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, "An Act for regulating the Construction "and the Use of Buildings in the Metropolis and its Neighbourhood," and commonly called the "Metropolitan Buildings Act."

DECLARATION MADE BY A SURVEYOR

appointed under the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845 (8 & 9 Vict. c. 18. s. 60).

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and ability, execute the duty of making the valuation hereby referred to me.

DECLARATION MADE BY A SURVEYOR

appointed under the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847 (10 & 11 Vict. c. 34. s. 8).

I, A.B., the surveyor of the town [or district] of under the [*here name the special Act*], do declare that I will diligently, faithfully, and impartially perform the duties of my office, and to the utmost of my power, skill, and ability endeavour to cause the several provisions of the said Act, and of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, to be strictly observed, and that without favour or affection, prejudice or malice, to any person whomsoever.

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* The words "the provisions of" are not found in the declaration prescribed by this Act.

Declaration made by a Valuer

appointed under the Copyhold Act, 1852 (15 & 16 Vict. c. 41. s. 28).

I, A.B., do declare that I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, value, hear, and determine the matters referred to me under the Copyhold Acts.

Oath taken by Commissioners

appointed under certain Acts:—

(1.) Under "An Act to provide for the Performance of the Episcopal Functions "in case of the Incapacity of any Bishop or Archbishop" (6 & 7 Vict. c. 62. s. 8).

I do swear that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of skill and knowledge, execute the several powers and trusts imposed in me under a Commission of Inquiry issued by , relating to the capacity of [, Lord Bishop or Archbishop of] duly to perform his [episcopal or archiepiscopal] functions, and that without favour or affection, prejudice or malice.

So help me God.

(2.) Under "An Act to provide for more effectual Inquiry into the Existence "of Corrupt Practices at Elections for Members to serve in Parliament" (15 & 16 Vict. c. 57. s. 2).

I, A.B., do swear that I will truly and faithfully execute the powers and trusts vested in me by an Act intituled "An Act to provide for more effectual Inquiry into the Existence of Corrupt Practices at Elections for Members to "serve in Parliament" according to the best of my knowledge and judgment.

So help me God.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Oath taken by an Interpreter.

You shall well and truly interpret unto the witness the questions and demands which shall be made to him by this Committee touching the matter now depending before the said Committee; and you shall also well and truly interpret to this Committee the answers which the said witness shall thereunto give.

So help you God.

COURT OF CHANCERY (ENGLAND).

Oath taken by a Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal (14 & 15 Vict. c. 83. s. 4.)

I do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that I will duly and faithfully, and to the best of my skill and power, execute the office of Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal in Chancery.

So help me God.

Oath taken by a Vice-Chancellor.
(5 Vict. c. 5. s. 28.)

I do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, that I will duly and faithfully, and to the best of my skill and power, execute the office of Vice-Chancellor

So help me God.

Oath taken by an Examiner (16 & 17 Vict. c. 22. s. 1.)

I, A.B., do swear that I will, according to the best of my skill and ability, truly and faithfully exercise and discharge the office of an Examiner of the High Court of Chancery, whereunto I am now admitted, and truly, faithfully, and without partiality to any or either of the parties in the respective causes, take the examinations and depositions of all witnesses examined before me,

pursuant to and in conformity with the rules and regulations of the High Court of Chancery, now in force or hereafter to be provided for the examination of witnesses in causes and other proceedings depending in said court.

So help me GOD.

COURT OF CHANCERY (IRELAND).

OATH TAKEN BY AN EXTRAORDINARY COMMISSIONER OF A COURT OF EQUITY (55 Geo. 3. c. 157. s. 6).

I, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will duly and faithfully, and to the best of my skill and power, execute the office of an Extraordinary Commissioner of the Court of of in for the purposes mentioned in an Act passed in the year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for the better "Examination of Witnesses in the Courts of Equity in Ireland, and for em- "powering the Courts of Law and Equity in Ireland to grant Commissions "for taking Affidavits in all Parts of Great Britain," and shall in every respect, to the best of my knowledge, conform to the rules and orders of the said Court and provisions of the said Act. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A COMMISSIONER TO EXAMINE WITNESSES (4 Geo. 4. c. 61. s. 43).

I, A.B., do swear that I will, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, truly and faithfully perform the duty of a Commissioner, to examine witnesses pursuant to the powers vested in me by the annexed Commission; and that I will truly, faithfully, and without partiality to any or either of the parties in this cause, take, write down the examinations and depositions of all and every witness and witnesses who shall be produced before and examined by me, upon the interrogatories filed for that purpose; and that until publication in the said cause shall duly pass I will not publish, disclose, or make known any part of the purport or contents of any deposition of any witness to be taken by me; and further, that I will fairly and truly enter and set down in writing, in the dominical of such examination, the hours of the day on each day that I shall be employed as such Commissioner, at which I shall respectively commence and conclude the examination of the witnesses under such Commission, as also the real and true cause or causes of my not commencing such examination at or before eleven of the clock in the forenoon, if such should be the case; and also, of my not continuing such examination till three o'clock in the afternoon, if such should be the case; as also, by whose delay or default, so far as I can judge, such examination was not commenced and continued [*as the case may be*] from eleven o'clock in the forenoon till three in the afternoon.

COURT OF PROBATE (ENGLAND AND IRELAND).

OATH TAKEN BY THE JUDGE (20 & 21 Vict. c. 77. s. 7).

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear, that I will duly and faithfully, and to the best of my skill and power, execute the office of Judge of the Court of Probate. So help me GOD.

COURT OF BANKRUPTCY (ENGLAND).

DECLARATION MADE BY A SHORTHAND WRITER (24 & 25 Vict. c. 134. s. 62).

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully and truly take down the questions and answers put to and given by persons to be examined in this matter, and will deliver true and faithful transcripts thereof, as the Court shall direct.

COURT OF BANKRUPTCY (IRELAND).

Oath taken by Examiner (20 & 21 Vict. c. 60. s. 370).

In the matter of A.B., a bankrupt [or alleged bankrupt], you shall, according to the best of your skill and knowledge, truly, faithfully, and without partiality to any or either of the parties in this matter, take the examinations and depositions of all and every witness and witnesses produced and examined by virtue of the order of the Court of Bankruptcy and Insolvency herein, dated the day 18 , and duly and faithfully transmit such depositions, when completed, to the said Court. So help you God.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

Oaths taken by Grand Jurymen.

The foreman is first sworn:

Sir, you as foreman of this Grand Inquest, for our Sovereign Lady the Queen, shall diligently enquire, and true presentment make of all such matters and things as shall be given to you in charge, or otherwise come to your knowledge touching the present service; the Queen's Counsel, your fellows', and your own, you shall observe and keep secret; you shall present no one from envy, hatred, or ill-will, neither shall you leave any one unpresented through fear, favour, affection, reward or the hope thereof; but you shall present all things truly and indifferently as the same shall come to your knowledge, according to the best of your skill and understanding.

So help you, God.

The rest of the Jury are then sworn:

The same Oath which your foreman has taken on his part, you and each of you shall well and truly observe, perform, and keep on your parts respectively.

So help you, God.

Oaths taken by Petit Jurymen.

In cases of felony, each juryman being sworn separately:

You shall well and truly try, and true deliverance make, between our Sovereign Lady the Queen and the prisoner at the bar, whom you shall have in charge, and a true verdict give according to the evidence.

So help you, God.

In cases of misdemeanour, the jurymen being sworn four at a time:

You shall well and truly try the issue joined, between our Sovereign Lady the Queen and the defendant, and a true verdict give according to the evidence.

So help you, God.

In cases where the prisoner refuses to plead and remains mute:

You shall well and truly try whether the prisoner at the bar stands mute of malice, or by the visitation of God, and a true verdict give according to the evidence. So help you, God.

In cases where the prisoner appears to be insane at the time of the arraignment:

You shall well and truly try whether the prisoner at the bar be now of sound mind and understanding or not, and a true verdict give according to the evidence. So help you, God.

Oaths taken by a Jury of Matrons.

In cases where a female prisoner, sentenced to death, pleads pregnancy in stay of execution.

The forematron is first sworn:

You, as forematron of this jury, shall well and truly try whether the prisoner at the bar be with child of a quick child, and thereof a true verdict give according to the best of your skill and understanding. So help you, God.

The rest of the jury are then sworn:

The same oath which your forematron has taken on her part, you and each of you shall well and truly observe and keep on your parts respectively.
So help you, GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY TRIERS OF CHALLENGES.

You shall well and truly try whether A. B. (the juryman challenged) stand indifferent between the parties to this issue. So help you, GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN INTERPRETER.

You shall well and truly interpret, and explanation make, between the court, the jury, the witnesses, and the prisoner at the bar, according to the best of your skill and understanding. So help you, GOD.

It is presumed that the Oaths of Grand and Petit Jurymen given above may be taken as instances of the Oaths used for like persons throughout the country. The following is the

OATH TAKEN BY JURORS IN CRIMINAL COURTS IN SCOTLAND.

You fifteen swear by Almighty God, and as you shall answer to God at the Great Day of Judgment, you will the truth say, and no truth conceal, in so far as you shall pass upon this assize.

LANDED ESTATES COURT (IRELAND).

OATH TAKEN BY THE JUDGE (21 & 22 Vict. c. 72. s. 6).

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that I will duly and faithfully, and to the best of my skill and power, execute the office of Judge of the Landed Estates Court, Ireland. So help me GOD.

COURTS FOR THE TRIAL OF PIRACY.

[By the Act 11 & 12 Will. 3. c. 7, which was made perpetual by 6 Geo. 1. c. 19, and is referred to by 7 Will. 4. & 1 Vict. c. 88, it is enacted that persons guilty of piracy may be tried by a Court constituted under a "Commission or Com- "missions under the Great Seal of England, or the Seal of the Admiralty of "England."]

OATH TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF A COURT (11 & 12 Will. 3. c. 7. ss. 5, 6, 7).

I, A.B., do swear in the presence of Almighty God that I will truly and impartially try and adjudge the prisoner or prisoners which shall be brought upon his or their trials before this Court, and honestly and duly, on my part, put Her Majesty's Commission for the trying of them in execution, according to the best of my skill and knowledge; and that I have no interest, directly or indirectly, in any ship or goods for the piratically taking of which any person stands accused and is now to be tried. So help me GOD.

CINQUE PORTS.

Oath taken by Commissioners appointed by the Lord Warden to determine Salvage Questions (1 & 2 Geo. 4. c. 76. s. 3).

I, A.B., do swear that I have not, neither will I, in any way, directly or indirectly, take or receive any fee, emolument, or reward from any of the parties whose interests are referred to my decision (save and except such fee or reward as shall be allowed by the Lord Warden to be paid to me by the ship-owners or proprietors of the cargo or their agents); and that I will not accept or receive any fee whatever from the persons claiming reward or salvage; but that I will decide, according to the best of my judgment, on the evidence to be brought before me, without favour or affection to either party. So help me God.

COURTS LEET AND COURTS BARON.*

Oaths taken by the Jury.

The foreman is first sworn as follows:—

A. B., you, as foreman of this jury, with the rest of your fellows, shall inquire and true presentment make of all such things as shall be given you in charge, and of all such other matters as shall come to your knowledge, presentable at this court. †[The Queen's counsel, your own and your fellows', you shall well and truly keep]; you shall present nothing out of hatred or malice, nor conceal anything through fear, favour or affection, but in all things you shall true and just presentment make, according to the best of your understanding. So help you God.

Then the rest of the Jury are sworn, three or four at a time:—

The like oath which A.B., your foreman, hath taken on his part you and every of you shall well and truly observe and keep on your respective parts. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Homage.

The foreman is first sworn as follows:—

You, as foreman of this homage, with the rest of your fellows, shall inquire and true presentment make of all such things as shall be given to you in charge, and of all such other matters as shall come to your knowledge presentable at this court. You shall present nothing out of hatred or malice, nor conceal anything through fear, favour, or affection, but in all things shall true and just presentment make, according to the best of your understanding. So help you God.

Then the rest of the Jury are sworn, three or four at a time:—

The like oath which A.B., your foreman, hath taken on his part you and each of you shall well and truly observe and keep on your respective parts. So help you God.

ARMY RECRUITS.

Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity taken by a Recruit.

I swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors; and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, in person, Crown, and dignity, against all enemies; and will observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, and of the generals and officers set over me. So help me God.

* The oaths given under this heading, and those under the same heading on p. 65, which are in use at the Courts held in connexion with Copyhold Manors, are taken from Scriven's *Treatise on Copyhold* (London, Butterworth, 1846.)

† It is recommended that the words included within the brackets be omitted.

MILITARY COURTS MARTIAL.

Oath taken by a Member of a Court.*

You shall well and truly try and determine, according to the evidence, in the matter now before you. So help you God.

BOARD FOR PENSIONING WOUNDED MILITARY OFFICERS.

Declaration made by a Member.

I, A.B., do declare upon my honour that I will duly and impartially inquire into and give my opinion on the case of the officer now before this Board, according to the true spirit and meaning of Her Majesty's orders and regulations, and the instructions issued by Her Majesty's orders on this head; and I further declare upon my honour, that I will not, on any account or at any time, disclose or discover my own vote or opinion, or that of any particular member of the Board, unless requirrd to do so by competent authority.

BOARD FOR PENSIONING DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

Declaration made by a Member.

I, A. B., do declare upon my honour that I will duly and impartially inquire into the matters to be brought before this Board, according to the rules and regulations of Her Majesty's service; and, if any doubt shall arise, according to my conscience, the best of my understanding, and the custom of the service in like cases.

ARMY MEDICAL BOARDS.

Declaration made by the President and Members.

(Mutiny Act and Articles of War 1864, Art. 168, Sect. 3.)

I, A. B., do declare upon my honour that I will duly and impartially inquire into and give my opinion on the case of the officer now before this Board, according to the true spirit and meaning of Her Majesty's orders on this head. And I further declare, upon my honour, that I will not, on any account or at any time disclose or discover my own vote or opinion, or that of any particular member of the Board unless required to do so by competent authority.

MILITIA (ENGLAND AND WALES).

(51 Geo. III. c. 118. ss. 2 & 3; 15 & 16 Vict. c. 50. s. 16.)

Oath taken by a Non-commissioned Officer and Drummer.

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and that I will faithfully serve in the militia in any part of the United Kingdom for the defence of the same, until I shall be legally discharged.

Oath taken by a Private.

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and that I will faithfully serve in the militia in any part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the defence of the same, during the term of five years for which I am enrolled, unless I shall be sooner discharged.

* A further oath taken by a Member of a Court, for which it is recommended that a declaration should be substituted, will be found at p. 67.

MILITIA (SCOTLAND).

Oath taken by a Serjeant, Corporal, Drummer, or Private.

(17 & 18 Vict. c. 106. s. 25.)

I, A. B., do solemnly promise and swear, that I will be faithful to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, and that I will faithfully serve in the militia in any part of Great Britain or Ireland, for the defence of the same, until I shall be discharged.

Declaration made by a Militia Surgeon (Great Britain).

(29 & 30 Vict. c. 60. s. 24.)

I, do solemnly declare, that I will to the best of my ability faithfully and truly report as to the fitness for service of the man or men about to be submitted to my examination, and that I will not receive from any of them any fee or reward whatever for any such examination.

MILITIA (IRELAND).

Oath taken by a Militia Man.

(17 & 18 Vict. c. 107. s. 16.)

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and that I will faithfully serve in the militia in any part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the defence of the same, during the time of five years for which I am enrolled, unless I shall be sooner discharged.

CITY OF LONDON MILITIA.

(1 Geo. 4. c. 100. ss. 9 & 20.)

Oath taken by a Non-commissioned Officer or Drummer.

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Her heirs and successors, and that I will faithfully serve in the militia of London in any part of the kingdom of Great Britain for the defence of the same until I shall be legally discharged.

Oath taken by a Private.

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Her heirs and successors; and that I will faithfully serve in the militia of London in any part of the kingdom of Great Britain for the defence of the same, for the term of five years, or for such further time as the militia shall remain embodied; if within the space of five years Her Majesty shall order and direct the militia to be drawn out and embodied, unless I shall be sooner discharged.

CORNWALL AND DEVON MILITIA.

(51 Geo. 3. c. 114. ss. 2 & 3; 15 & 16 Vict. c. 50. s. 38.)

Oath taken by a Non-commissioned Officer or Drummer.

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and that I will faithfully serve in the regiment of miners of Cornwall and Devon in any part of the United Kingdom for the defence of the same until I shall be legally discharged.

Oath taken by a Private.

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and that I will faithfully serve in the regiment of miners of Cornwall and Devon in any part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the defence of the same, during the time of five years for which I am enrolled, unless I shall be sooner discharged.

VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Oath taken by an Officer or Volunteer.

(26 & 27 Vict. c. 65. s. 6. and sched.)

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and that I will faithfully serve Her Majesty in Great Britain for the defence of the same against all Her enemies and opposers whatsoever, according to the conditions of my service.

Declaration made by an Adjutant. (Volunteer Regulations, Jan. 19, 1861, Art. 132.)

I do hereby declare, upon my honour as an officer and a gentleman, that in order to obtain the appointment of an adjutant in the , I have not given, paid, received, or promised, and that I do not believe that anyone for me has given, paid, received, or promised, directly or indirectly, any recompense, reward, or gratuity to any person or persons whatever.

Oath by a Serjeant Instructor of Volunteers.

I, , do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, and that I will faithfully serve Her Majesty in any part of Great Britain for the defence of the same against all her enemies and opposers whatsoever, according to the conditions of my service.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF DUBLIN.

Declaration made by a Justice of the Peace or by a Cess Payer.

I, A.B., of do declare [that I am a Justice of the Peace of the County of Dublin, and]* that I will truly, faithfully, and impartially do and perform all such acts, matters, and things as I am authorized to do and perform by and under the provisions of an Act passed in the year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to consolidate and "amend the Laws for the Regulation of Grand Jury Presentments in the County "of Dublin;" and that I will, without favour, affection, hatred, or malice, or ill-will, diligently inquire into, and impartially and honestly judge and determine, according to the evidence, and to the best of my judgment and ability, upon the several applications and other matters which may be brought before me under the authority of the said Act.

Declaration made by any Person appointed to an Office under the Act.

I do declare that I have not, directly or indirectly, given, paid, or secured, or promised to pay, give, or secure, nor has any person on my behalf, to my knowledge or belief, given or promised to give, any sum of money or other

* This clause is omitted when the declaration is made by a Cess Payer.

consideration whatsoever, in order to procure myself to be appointed to the office of of the County of Dublin, and that I will not hereafter pay, secure, or give to any person or persons any money, or any security for money, in consideration of or in consequence of my having been appointed to such office; and I do declare that my appointment to such office is totally unconnected with any arrangement between me and my predecessor in such office, nor has any such arrangement been made by any persons on my behalf, to my knowledge or belief.

DISTRICT ROADS BOARDS, SOUTH WALES.

Declaration made by a Member of a Board (7 & 8 Vict. c. 91. s. 85).

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will truly and impartially, according to the best of my judgment and ability, execute and perform the several powers, authorities, and trusts reposed in me by virtue of an Act passed in the seventh and eighth years of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Turnpike Trusts in "South Wales."

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS FOR BOROUGHS, IRELAND.

(4 Geo. 4. c. 55.)

Oath taken by an Interpreter.

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully interpret such oaths, affirmations, questions, and answers as I shall be directed to interpret by the Returning Officer or Officers, and his or their deputies [*as the case may be*].

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS (ENGLAND AND WALES).

(5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 76.)

Declaration made by a Mayor, Alderman, Councillor, Auditor, or Assessor.

I, A.B., having been elected for the borough of do hereby declare, that I take the said office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability; and [*here follows a declaration of qualification in those cases in which such is required*].

Oath taken by the Recorder or a Justice of the Peace.

I, A.B., do hereby declare, that I will faithfully and impartially execute the office of for the borough of according to the best of my judgment and ability.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

Affirmation made by College Officers.

Ego, N. N., electus in Vicepræpositum, Decanum, Bursarium, &c., respective hujus collegii affirmo me fideliter exerciturum munus mihi demandatum juxta statuta hujus collegii.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, IRELAND.

Declaration made by a Professor.

I, A.B., do hereby promise to the President and Council of Queen's College,* , that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, discharge the

* The Professors of the Queen's University are also Professors of the Queen's Colleges.

duties of Professor of in said college; and I further promise and engage that in lecturing and examining, and in the performance of all other duties connected with my chair, I will carefully abstain from teaching or advancing any doctrine, or making any statement derogatory to the truths of revealed religion, or injurious or disrepectful to the religious convictions of any portion of my class or audience. And I moreover promise to the President and Council that I will not introduce or discuss in my place or capacity of Professor, any subject of controversy, political or religious, tending to produce contention or excitement; nor will I engage in any avocation which the Council shall judge inconsistent with my office; but will, as far as in me lies, promote on all occasions, the interests of education and the welfare of the college.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, BELFAST.

The Registrar states that "it would seem from the provisions of the new "Charter that no declaration will in future be required from the President, "Vice-President, Curator of the Museum, or from matriculated students." The forms of declarations which have hitherto been administered to these persons are, therefore, not given.

Declaration by made the Registrar.

I, , do hereby promise to the President and Council of Queen's College, Belfast, that I will preserve all books, records, or documents committed to my care by the President or Council; that I will not allow them to be removed, read, or inspected by any person whatever without the written permission of the President or Council, and that I will observe all due secrecy with respect to the proceedings of the College Council and my official communications with the President.

Declaration made by the Librarian.

I do hereby promise to the President and Council of Queen's College, Belfast, that I will to the utmost of my power preserve from loss or damage the books and other property contained in the library.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, CORK, AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE, GALWAY.

By the Charters of Incorporation it is directed that the President, Vice-President, and Professors of either college "shall, before he, they, or any of "them shall be admitted to the exercise or execution of the said offices, "respectively make and subscribe before" a magistrate "a solemn declaration "for the true and faithful execution of such office, and for the faithful dis-"charge of the duties thereof."

Declarations are also made by the registrars and librarians, the forms being the same as those prescribed for the Registrar and Librarian of Queen's College, Belfast, which are given above.

UNIVERSITIES IN SCOTLAND.

Declaration made by a Professor admitted to a Lay Chair. (16 & 17 Vict. c. 89. s. 2.)

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare, that as Professor of , and in the discharge of the said office, I will never endeavour, directly or indirectly, to teach or inculcate any opinions opposed to the Divine Authority of the Holy Scriptures, or to the Westminster Confession of Faith as ratified by law in the year one thousand six hundred and ninety, and that I will not exercise the functions of the said office to the prejudice or subversion of the Church of Scotland as by law established, or the doctrines and privileges thereof.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

Declaration made by a Member of the University.

Ego, A.B., Academiæ Edinburgenæ Discipulus sinceri ac sancti promitto quod et syngraphâ hac meâ in perpetuum testatum cupio, mihi ante omnia cordi et curæ futurum veræ prelatis studium; me etiam in assuetis Academici curriculi studiis sedulum ut adolescentem bene institutum decet; et, quamdiu in curriculo illo per mansero, præceptoribus omnibus morigerum memet præstiturum, nec ullius dissidii aut tumultus clam palamve, vel auctorem vel participem futurum et per reliquam vitam Academiam ipsam grato et benevolo animo prosecuturum, idque omnibus officiis pro facultate mea et occasione data testaturum.

PAROCHIAL BURGH SCHOOLS, SCOTLAND.

Declaration made by a Schoolmaster (24 & 25 Vict. c. 107. s. 12.)

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare, that, as the Schoolmaster of the Parochial School at in the Parish of , and in the discharge of the said office, I will never endeavour, directly or indirectly, to teach or inculcate any opinions opposed to the Divine Authority of the Holy Scriptures, or to the doctrines contained in the Shorter Catechism agreed upon by the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, and approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, in the year one thousand six hundred and forty-eight; and that I will faithfully conform thereto in my teaching of the said school, and that I will not exercise the functions of the said office to the prejudice or subversion of the Church of Scotland as by law established, or the doctrines and privileges thereof.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

Declaration made by a Member.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that, while a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, I will observe the byelaws thereof; that I will obey every lawful summons issued by order of the Council of the said College, having no reasonable excuse to the contrary; that I will demean myself honourably in the practice of my profession; and to the utmost of my power maintain the dignity and welfare of the College.

Declaration made by a Member admitted as a Fellow by Examination.

I, A.B., of C., Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, do solemnly and sincerely declare that, while a Fellow of the said College, I will observe the byelaws thereof relating to the Fellowship, and will obey every lawful summons issued by order of the Council of the said College, having no reasonable excuse to the contrary.

Declaration made by a Person not a Member of the College admitted as a Fellow by Examination.

I, A.B., of C., do solemnly and sincerely declare that, while a Fellow or Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England I will observe the byelaws thereof, and will obey every lawful summons issued by the Council of the said College, having no reasonable excuse to the contrary, and will to the utmost of my power maintain the dignity and welfare of the College.

Declarations made by a Member admitted as a Fellow by Election.

I, A.B., of C., a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, do declare that I do not sell or supply drugs or medicines [*or* that I do not sell or

supply drugs or medicines otherwise than in the due exercise or practice of my profession as an apothecary].

I, A.B., of C., Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, do solemnly and sincerely declare that, while a Fellow of the said College I will observe the byelaws thereof, and will obey every lawful summons issued by order of the Council of the said College, having no reasonable excuse to the contrary. And I make this solemn Declaration by virtue of the provisions of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act to repeal an Act of the present Session of Par- "liament, intituled An Act for the more effectual Abolition of Oaths and "Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the State, and to "substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the more entire Suppression "of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits, and to make other "Provisions for the Abolition of unnecessary Oaths."

DECLARATIONS MADE BY A MEMBER OR FELLOW OF CERTAIN OTHER COLLEGES ON ADMISSION AS A MEMBER OR FELLOW OF THE COLLEGE.

I, A.B., of C., Member (or Licentiate) of D., do hereby declare that I was duly admitted as such Member (or Licentiate) having previously passed the necessary examination or examinations required by the byelaws or regulations of the said Royal College (or Faculty),and that I am in the *bonâ fide* practice of the profession of a Surgeon in England (or Wales).

I, A.B., of C., Fellow of D., do hereby declare that I was duly admitted to such Fellowship, having previously passed the necessary examination or examinations required by the byelaws or regulations of the said Royal College (or Faculty), and that I am in the *bonâ fide* practice of the profession of a Surgeon in England (or Wales), and that I do not sell or supply drugs or medicines (or that) I do not sell or supply drugs or medicines otherwise than in the due exercise or practice of my profession as an apothecary.

I, A.B., of C., Fellow (Member or Licentiate) of D., do solemnly and sincerely declare that, while a Fellow (or Member) of the Royal College of Surgeons of England I will observe the byelaws thereof, and will obey every lawful summons issued by order of the Council of the said College, having no reasonable excuse to the contrary. And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the provisions of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled An Act, &c. &c.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.

DECLARATION MADE BY A LICENTIATE.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare and promise that I will observe and be obedient to the statutes, byelaws, and ordinances of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and that I will, to the utmost of my power, endeavour to promote the reputation, honour, and dignity of the said College.

DECLARATION MADE BY A FELLOW.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that, I am 25 years of age and upwards, and that I will observe and be obedient to the statutes, byelaws, and ordinances of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and that I will, to the utmost of my power, endeavour to promote the reputation, honour, and dignity of the said College, and that I do not now practise the business or profession of an apothecary or druggist, or indirectly sell drugs or medicines, and that I will not, so long as I shall be a Fellow of the said College, practise such business or profession.

Declaration made by a Member of the Council at the Election of a Professor or Examiner.

I, ; do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will, to the best of my knowledge, skill, and judgment, without hatred, evil will, partiality, affection, favour, or fear, justly, equally, and faithfully discharge the trust now reposed in me to elect the most fit and proper person to fill the situation of Examiner or Professor of . And further, that I consider myself bound to elect the candidate who affords the most unquestionable proofs of good character and of ability, acquirements, industry, and perseverance applied to the branch for which I am now called upon to elect a Professor or Examiner; and that I do not consider previous services in the College, in this or any other department, as establishing a peculiar claim to a preference; and also, that I have not, directly or indirectly, promised to vote for or favour any particular candidate.

Declaration made by an Examiner.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will, to the best of my knowledge, skill, and judgment, without hatred, evil will, partiality, affection, favour, or fear, justly, equally, and faithfully discharge the trust and execute the powers vested in me by a certain Supplemental Charter granted by Her Majesty Queen Victoria to the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH.

Declaration made by a Fellow.

I, , one of the Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, do, by subscribing these presents, solemnly declare and surely promise, 1st. That I shall all my life, according to my power, preserve and maintain the privileges, liberties, jurisdiction, and authority granted to the said College by Her sacred Majesty's gracious charter, dated 25th August, and sealed 31st October 1861, for the good and necessary ends and uses therein mentioned. 2ndly. That I shall avail myself of all occasions to promote the welfare, prosperity, and utility of the said College, and shall always give my vote, when it is asked, as I conscientiously think may be most conducive to these purposes. 3rdly. That I shall, as far as I am able, promote and preserve unity, concord, amity, and good order among all the Fellows, Members, Licentiates, and Candidates thereof; and shall heartily wish and endeavour to promote the prosperity of them all. 4thly. That so long as I continue a Fellow of the said College, I shall at all times be subject to the due order and government of the College, according to the foresaid charter, and shall conform and be obedient to the laws and regulations of the College, as the same are and shall be from time to time enacted. 5thly. That I shall never divulge or publish anything that is acted or spoken, or proposed to be transacted, in any meeting of the said College, or Council, or Court thereof, without leave asked and obtained, according to the laws prescribed by the College. All the aforesaid articles I hereby promise to observe, and never wittingly and willingly to break any one of them, as I desire to be held and respected an honest man.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.

Declaration made by a Fellow.

I hereby promise faithfully to maintain and defend all the rights, privileges, and liberties of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and to promote the interest thereof to the utmost of my power. I also promise faithfully to obey all the laws of the said Royal College, made and to be made.

FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW.

Declaration made by a Licentiate.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will exercise the several parts of my profession, to the best of my knowledge and abilities, for the good, safety, and welfare of all persons committing themselves, or committed to my care and direction; and that I will not, knowingly or intentionally, do anything or adminster anything to them, to their hurt or prejudice, for any consideration or from any motive whatever; and I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the provisions of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act to repeal an Act of the "present Session of Parliament, intituled An Act for the more effectual Abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the "State, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the more entire "Suppression of voluntary and extrajudical Oaths and Affidavits, and to make "other Provisions for the Abolition of unnecessary Oaths."

Declaration made by a Fellow.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I shall be a faithful Fellow of this Faculty, promote its interest, and be obedient to all lawful acts, made, and to be made, for the good of the lieges and of this Faculty; and shall not willingly do prejudice to any person, by my application or advice; and I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the provisions of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled An Act, &c. &c.

TRINITY HOSPITAL, EDINBURGH.

Declaration made by a Governor.

I hereby promise faithfully and diligently to perform the duties of my office as a Governor of Trinity Hospital.

PAROCHIAL OFFICERS.

Declaration made by a Churchwarden or a Sidesman.

By 5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 62. s. 9. it is enacted that "every person entering upon "the office of Churchwarden or Sidesman . . . . shall . . . . make and subscribe . . . . a declaration that he will faithfully and diligently perform the "duties of his office," no separate form of declaration being given.

III.—Oaths to be Retained with Alteration in Form.

OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE.

From the Returns made to the Commission, as well as from a *Return to the House of Commons* of Oaths, &c., (266–III., 1865) it appears that the old oaths of allegiance, supremacy, and abjuration, or some of them, are still in use in certain cases, notwithstanding the passing of the Act 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48., which prescribed the form given below (No. 5) to be used in their stead. The Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, when forwarding to the Commissioners a Return of the oaths administered on calls to the Bar, stated that "after the passing of the 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48. in July 1858, it was supposed that the oath pre-"scribed by that statute ought to be substituted for those previously "administered [the oaths of allegiance and supremacy—Nos. 1 and 2], "but subsequently, and after the subject had been investigated, it was "considered that no alteration was requisite."

1. Oath of Allegiance (1 Will. & Mary, c. 8. s. 12.)

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria. So help me God.

["So help me God *and the contents of this Book*" is the form of ejaculation in actual use in certain instances.]

2. Oath of Supremacy (1 Will. & Mary, c. 8, s. 12.)

I, A.B., do swear that I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure as impious and heretical that damnable doctrine and position that Princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope or any other authority of the See of Rome may be deposed or murdered by their subjects or any other whatsoever; and I do declare that no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence, or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this Realm. So help me God.

3. Oath of Abjuration (6 Geo. 3. c. 53. s. 1.)

I, A.B., do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify, and declare, in my conscience before God and the world, that our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria is lawful and rightful Queen of this Realm, and all other Her Majesty's dominions and countries thereunto belonging; and I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I do believe in my conscience that not any of the descendants of the person who pretended to be Prince of Wales during the life of the late King James the Second; and since his decease pretended to be and took upon himself the style and title of King of England by the name of James the Third, or of Scotland by the name of James the Eighth, or the style and title of King of Great Britain, hath any right or title whatsoever to the Crown of this realm, or any other the dominions thereunto belonging; and I do renounce, refuse, and abjure any allegiance or obedience to any of them; and I do swear that I will bear faith and true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and Her will defend to the utmost of my power against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts whatsoever which shall be made against Her person, Crown, or dignity; and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to Her Majesty and Her successors all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which I shall know to be against Her or any of them; and I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my power to support, maintain, and defend the succession of the Crown against the descendants of the said James, and against

all other persons whatsoever, which succession, by an Act intituled "An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown and better Securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject," is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electress and Duchess Dowager of Hanover, and the heirs of her body, being Protestants; and all these things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear according to these express words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common sense and understanding of the same words, without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation whatsoever; and I do make this recognition, acknowledgment, abjuration, renunciation, and promise, heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true faith of a Christian.

So help me GOD.

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4. OATH PRESCRIBED BY 10 GEO. 4. c. 7. TO BE TAKEN BY ROMAN CATHOLICS IN LIEU OF THE OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE, SUPREMACY, AND ABJURATION.

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and will defend Her to the utmost of my power against all conspiracies and attempts whatever which shall be made against Her person, Crown, or dignity: and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which may be formed against Her or them. And I do faithfully promise to maintain, support, and defend to the utmost of my power, the succession of the Crown, which succession, by an Act intituled "An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better Securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject," is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia Electress of Hanover, and the heirs of her body, being Protestants; hereby utterly renouncing and abjuring any obedience or allegiance unto any other person claiming or pretending a right to the Crown of this realm: And I do further declare, that it is not an article of my faith, and that I do renounce, reject, and abjure the opinion that Princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope or any other authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their subjects, or by any person whatsoever; and I do declare, that I do not believe that the Pope of Rome, or any other Foreign Prince, Prelate, Person, State, or Potentate hath or ought to have any temporal or civil jurisdiction, power, superiority, or pre-eminence, directly or indirectly, within this realm. I do swear that I will defend to the utmost of my power the settlement of property within this realm, as established by the laws; and I do hereby disclaim, disavow, and solemnly abjure any intention to subvert the present Church Establishment as settled by law within this realm; and I do solemnly swear that I never will exercise any privilege to which I am or may become entitled, to disturb or weaken the Protestant Religion, or Protestant Government in the United Kingdom; and I do solemnly, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare, that I do make this declaration, and every part thereof, in the plain and ordinary sense of the words of this Oath, without any evasion, equivocation, or mental reservation whatsoever.

So help me GOD.

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5. OATH PRESCRIBED BY 21 & 22 VICT. c. 48. TO BE TAKEN BY OTHERS THAN ROMAN CATHOLICS IN LIEU OF THE OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE, SUPREMACY, AND ABJURATION.

I, A.B., do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and will defend Her to the utmost of my power against all conspiracies and attempts whatever which shall be made against Her person, crown, or dignity; and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, all trreaons and traitorous conspiracies which may be formed against Her or Them; and I do faithfully promise to maintain, support, and defend, to the utmost of my power, the succession of the Crown, which succession, by an Act intituled "An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better Securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject," is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia Electress of Hanover, and the heirs of her body, being Protestants,

hereby utterly renouncing and abjuring any obedience or allegiance unto any other person claiming or pretending a right to the Crown of this realm; and I do declare that no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence, or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this realm; and I make this declaration upon the true faith of a Christian. So help me GOD.

By 21 & 22 Vict. c. 49. it is enacted "that in all other cases except "for sitting in Parliament, . . . or in qualifying to exercise the right "of presentation to any ecclesiastical benefice in Scotland, whenever "any of Her Majesty's subjects professing the Jewish religion shall be "required to take" the above oath the words "and I make this declaration upon the true faith of a Christian" shall be omitted.

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6. OATH TAKEN BY AN ALIEN UPON BECOMING NATURALIZED (7 & 8 Vict. c. 66, s. 10.)

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and will defend Her to the utmost of my power against all conspiracies and attempts whatever which may be made against Her person, crown, or dignity; and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which may be formed against Her or them; and I do faithfully promise to maintain, support, and defend to the utmost of my power the succession of the Crown, which succession by an Act intituled "An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better Securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject," is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electress of Hanover, and the heirs of her body, being Protestants, hereby utterly renouncing and abjuring any obedience or allegiance unto any other person claiming or pretending a right to the Crown of this realm.
So help me GOD.

With regard to the above oaths numbered 1 to 6, it is recommended that in all cases where any of them are now required to be taken the following form should be hereafter used:—

I, A.B., do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Her heirs and successors. So help me God.

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7. AFFIRMATION PRESCRIBED BY 22 VICT. C. 10. TO BE MADE BY ANY PERSON PERMITTED BY LAW TO MAKE A SOLEMN AFFIRMATION OR DECLARATION INSTEAD OF TAKING AN OATH.

I, A.B., do solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Queen Victoria, and to Her will be faithful against all conspiracies and attempts whatever which shall be made againstHer person, crown, or dignity; and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to Queen Victoria, Her heirs and successors, all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which I shall know to be formed against Her or Them; and I will be true and faithful to the succession of the Crown, which succession, by an Act intituled "An Act for the "further Limitation of the Crown, and better Securing the Rights and Liberties "of the Subject," is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia Electress of Hanover, and the heirs of her body, being Protestants, hereby utterly renouncing and refusing any obedience or allegiance unto any other person claiming or pretending a right to the Crown of this realm; and I do declare that no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, preeminence, or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this realm.

Amended Form.

I, A.B., do solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Her heirs and successors.

LIST OF PERSONS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE.*

It is recommended—

That oaths of allegiance should no longer be required from persons below the rank of a Privy Councillor; and that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is now required to take the oaths twice over,—once at the Privy Council Table and once in the Court of Chancery,—should be required to take them at the Privy Council Table only.

Her Majesty's Household (Lord Steward's Department.)

Treasurer.	Master of the Horse.
Comptroller.	Officers and Servants.
Master of the Household.	Purveyors.

Her Majesty's Body Guard in Scotland.

The Members of the Royal Company of Archers, who form Her Majesty's Body Guard in Scotland, take oaths of allegiance previously to their being in attendance on the Sovereign.

Privy Council Office.

Lord Lieutenants of Counties.	Lord Chancellor.
Privy Councillors.	Secretaries of State.
Chancellor of the Exchequer.	Clerk of the Council.
Lord Privy Seal.	

Privy Council Office of Ireland.

Lord Lieutenant or Lords Justices.	Clerk of the Council.
Privy Councillors.	

Inland Revenue.

Commissioners of Land Tax.	Commissioners of Income Tax.
Commissioners of Assessed Taxes.	

Royal Hospital, Kilmainham.

Master.	Secretary and Treasurer.
Deputy Masters.	Physician and Surgeon.
Chaplain.	

Crown Office of the Court of Chancery.

Lord Chancellor.	Judges of the Court of Common Pleas.
Master of the Rolls.	Judge of the Probate Court.
Lords Justices of Appeal.	Judges and Commissioners of the Bankruptcy Court.
Vice Chancellors.	Attorney-General.
Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench.	

* In this list the persons by whom oaths of allegiance are taken are, for the most part, arranged under the heads of the several departments in which the oaths are administered.

CROWN OFFICE OF THE COURT OF CHANCERY.—Cont.

Solicitor-General.	Clerk of the House of Commons.
Queen's Counsel.	Clerk of the Crown.
Masters in Lunacy.	Clerk of the Letters Patent.
Queen's Serjeants.	Registrar in Chancery.
Serjeants-at-Law.	Registrar of Affidavits.
Clerk of the House of Lords.	Examiner of Letters Patent.

PETTY BAG OFFICE IN CHANCERY.

Solicitors.	Examiner of the Court of Chancery.

CROWN AND HANAPER DEPARTMENT OF THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF IRELAND.

Lord Chancellor of Ireland.	Masters in Chancery.
Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench.	Queen's Counsel.
Judges of the Court of Common Pleas.	Barristers at Law.
Barons of the Exchequer.	Masters Extraordinary for Chancery.
Attorney-General.	Lieutenants of Counties.
Solicitor-General.	Justices of the Peace.
Serjeants-at-law.	Officers of the Court of Chancery.

COURT OF CHANCERY FOR THE COUNTY PALATINE OF DURHAM.

Chancellor.

CROWN OFFICE OF THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH.

Officers of the Crown Office.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER.

Barons of the Exchequer.	Chancellor of the Exchequer.
The Queen's Remembrancer.	

COURT OF ADMIRALTY.

Judge of the Court.	Marshall.
Registrar.	

COURT OF ADMIRALTY OF IRELAND.

Advocates.	Officers of the Court.
Proctors.	

ARCHES COURT.

Judge of the Court.	Registrar.

FACULTY COURT.

Officers of the Court.

LORD CLERK REGISTER'S (SCOTLAND) DEPARTMENT.

Officers of the Department.*

COURT OF SESSION (Inner House).

Judges of the Court.	Lord Advocate.
Lord Clerk Register.	Solicitor General.
Principal Clerks of Court.*	Solicitor for the Crown in Tythes.

* *See* 20 Geo. 2. c. 43. s. 44 ; 21 Geo. 2. c. 34. s. 16 ; 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48.

COURT OF SESSION (Outer-house.)*

Lords Lieutenant.†
Sheriffs Principal.‡
Advocates.§
Solicitors before the Supreme Courts.*
Notaries Public.§
Depute Clerks of Session.
Assistant Clerks of Session.
Principal Extractor of the Court of Session.
Auditor of the Court of Session.
Clerk of Bills.
Assistant Clerk of Bills.
Clerks in the Bill Chamber.
Director of Chancery.
Sheriff of Chancery.
Presenter of Signatures.
Sheriff Clerk of Chancery and Clerk to the Presenter of Signatures.
Lord Clerk Register.
Deputy Clerk Register.
Deputy Keeper of Records.
Principal Keeper of the General Register of Sasines, &c., and of the Particular Register of Sasines for Edinburgh, Haddington, and Linlithgow.
Principal Keeper of the Register of Deeds.
Assistant Keeper of Deeds.
Her Majesty's Advocate and Solicitor for Plantation of Kirks and Valuation of Teinds.
Solicitor of Tythes in Scotland.
Keeper of the Records in the Teind Office.
Registrar of Friendly Societies.
Masters in the Court of Session.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICIARY.

Judges of the Court.
Lord Advocate.
Solicitor-General.
Depute Advocates.
Clerk of Court and his Deputes.
Circuit Clerks.
Macers of the Court.

EXCHEQUER DEPARTMENT.

Principal Officers in Exchequer.

SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF EDINBURGH.

Directors of the Bank of Scotland.‖
Directors of the Royal Bank of Scotland.‖
Patrons of Parishes and Presentees.¶
Sheriffs and Sheriff Substitutes.‡

COMMISSARY OFFICE, EDINBURGH.

Sheriff Commissary.‡
Sheriff Deputes.‡

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE CLERKS' DEPARTMENTS FOR THE COUNTY AND FOR THE CITY OF EDINBURGH.

In these departments the oath of allegiance is "taken by such "persons as are legally required to take them."

CITY CLERKS' DEPARTMENT, EDINBURGH.

Members of the Town Council.
Poll Sheriffs at Municipal Elections.

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* *See* 20 Geo. 2, c. 43. s. 44 ; 21 Geo. 2, c. 34. s. 16 ; 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48.
† *See* 1 Geo. 1, stat. 2. c. 20. s. 13 ; 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48.
‡ *See* 20 Geo. 2, c. 43. s. 29 ; 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48.
§ *See* 10 Ann, c. 2. ss. 10 & 11 ; 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48
‖ *See* 21 Geo. 3. c. 34. s. 14 ; 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48.
¶ *See* 10 Ann, c. 13. s. 3 ; 1 Geo. 1, stat. 2. c. 13 ; 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48.

Diocesan Ecclesiastical Courts.

Canterbury	Vicar General. Registrar of the Province. Registrars and Deputy Registrars of the Courts.
York	Deputy Registrar. Procters.
Bath and Wells	Chancellor. Surrogates. Registrar. Proctors.
Chester	Chancellor. Registrar. Apparitor-General. Proctors.
Durham	Chancellor. Registrar. Proctors. Apparitor-General.
Ely	Chancellor.
Gloucester and Bristol—	
Gloucester Division	Chancellor. Registrar. Proctors. Apparitors.
Bristol Division	Chancellor. Registrar. Surrogates. Apparitors.
Hereford	Surrogates. Proctors.
Llandaff	Chancellor. Registrar. Surrogates. Proctors. Apparitors.
London	Judge. Registrar.
Manchester	Vicar-General.
Norwich	Chancellor. Commissary. Official. Registrars. Proctors.

DIOCESAN ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS—*cont.*

PETERBOROUGH	Chancellor. Registrar. Proctors. Apparitors.
RIPON	Chancellor. Registrar. Proctors.
ROCHESTER	Chancellor. Registrar.
SALISBURY	Judge. Registrar. Deputy-Registrar. Proctors.
ST. ASAPH	Chancellor.
ST. DAVID'S	Chancellor. Proctors. Apparitor-General.
WORCESTER	Chancellor. Registrar. Proctors.

SOCIETIES OF LINCOLN'S INN, INNER TEMPLE, MIDDLE TEMPLE, GRAY'S INN.

Barristers-at-Law.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AND SCOTTISH BURGHS.

Mayors, Aldermen, Town Councillors, and other officers. The practice as to the administration of oaths of allegiance varies very considerably. In some towns they are not administered at all, while in the towns in which they are administered there is little uniformity in the selection of the persons who take them.

PARISH CLERKS.

Parish Clerks in the Dioceses of Hereford, Rochester, Worcester, and Peterborough, and in the Gloucester Division of the Diocese of Gloucester and Bristol.

UNIVERSITIES OF OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.

Information as to the administration of oaths of allegiance in these Universities will be found in Appendix A., p. 268.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.

Chancellor.	Rector.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS.

Principals. Professors.	Bursars.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.

Principal.	Professors.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF ST. PATRICK, MAYNOOTH.

Students, Officers, and Servants.

KING'S AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.

Fellows of the College.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

Governor. Deputy Governor.	Directors.

BANK OF IRELAND..

Governor. Deputy Governor.	Directors, Proprietors.

CORPORATION OF TRINITY HOUSE.

Master and his Deputy. Wardens and their Deputies. Elder Brethren.	Younger Brethren. Clerk.

LYON OFFICE, EDINBURGH.

Heralds. Puirsuivants.	Messengers.

SOCIETY OF HIGH CONSTABLES, EDINBURGH.

Members of the Society.

SUTTON'S HOSPITAL, CHARTERHOUSE.

Poor Brethren.

CATHEDRAL CHAPTERS.

HEREFORD - - -	Lay Officers.
SALISBURY - - -	Chapter Clerk.
WELLS - - - -	Lay Officers.

The names included in the foregoing list are those of persons concerning whom it is clear from the returns made to the Commission or from the *Returns to the House of Commons* of Oaths (266—266 III., 1865) that they are now actually required to take oaths of allegiance. In those few cases in which reference can be given to any Statute ordaining that the oaths shall be taken by individual official persons, such reference is given in a foot note. In the following cases, however, it does not appear from the papers before the Commission that the persons in question are in practice required to take the oaths, though they are still bound by statute to do so.

Ministers of the Established (Presbyterian) Church of Scotland (5 Geo. 1. c. 29. s. 7 ; 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48), who should also take the oath of abjuration prescribed by s. 1. of the first-named Act.*

* This Oath is as follows :

I, A.B., do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify, and declare in my conscience, before God and the world, that our Sovereign Lord King George is lawful and rightful King of Great Britain and all other his Majesty's dominions thereunto

Ministers of the Episcopal Church of Scotland (10 Ann, c. 7. s. 3 : 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48).

Ministers of Episcopal Chapels in Scotland (32 Geo. 3. c. 63. s. 2 ; 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48.)

Private Schoolmasters and Private Chaplains in Scotland (19 Geo. 2. c. 39. ss. 21, 23, 24 ; 21 Geo. 2. c. 34. s. 12 ; 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48).

By the 17 & 18 Vict. c. 104. s. 18, the oath of allegiance is prescribed to be taken by any person who wishes to qualify himself to own a British ship.

As regards Dissenters, Dissenting Ministers, and Quakers, the following paragraphs give the history of what has been and is required of them by statute :—

Dissenters.

The 1 Will. & Mar. c. 18. s. 2. enacted that none of the Acts therein mentioned, except the 25 Car. 2. c. 2 (which is repealed by the 26 & 27 Vict. c. 125), and the 30 Car. 2. stat. 2. c. 1. should apply to Dissenters.

The 30 Car. 2. stat. 2. c. 1. provided for the taking the then oaths of allegiance and supremacy and the declaration (therein given) against transubstantiation.

The 1 Will. & Mar. c. 18. s. 2. then proceeds to enact affirmatively that they shall take the oaths mentioned in 1 Will. & Mar. c. 1 (viz. the then oaths of allegiance and supremacy) and the declaration against transubstantiation given in the 30 Car. 2. stat. 2. c. 1.

The declaration against transubstantiation was repealed by the 10 Geo. 4. c. 7. The form of the oath of allegiance and supremacy is given in the 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48, and this they are still bound in strictness to take. The 10 Ann, c. 2. s. 8, however, provides that if they are prosecuted for not taking the oaths (then required and for which the form given in the 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48. is now substituted) they shall, upon taking the oaths, be entitled to the benefit of the Act (1 Will. & Mar. c. 18), as if they had taken the oaths within the time therein prescribed.

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belonging ; and I do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I do believe in my conscience that the person pretended to be Prince of Wales during the life of the late King James, and since his decease pretending to be and taking upon himself the stile and title of King of England by the name of James the Third, or of Scotland by the name of James the Eighth, or the stile and title of King of Great Britain, hath not any right or title whatsoever to the crown of this realm, or any other the dominions thereto belonging ; and I do renounce, refuse, and abjure any allegiance or obedience to him ; and I do swear, that I will bear faithful and true allegiance to his Majesty King George, and him will defend to the utmost of my power against all traiterous conspiracies and attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his person and government ; and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to his Majesty and his successors, all treason and traitorous conspiracies, which I shall know to be against him or any of them ; and I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my power to support, maintain, and defend, the succession of the Crown in the heirs of the body of the late Princess Sophia, Electoress and Duchess of Hanover, being protestants, against him the said James, and all other persons whatsoever : and all these things I do plainly and sincerely acknowlege and swear, according to these express words by me spoken and according to the plain and common sense and understanding of the same words without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation whatsoever. And I do make this recognition, acknowledgement, abjuration, renunciation, and promise, heartily, willingly, and truly. So help me God.

Dissenting Ministers.

By the 1 Will. & Mar. c. 18. (ss. 8. & 10.) dissenting ministers were ordered, in addition to taking the oaths therein referred to, viz. the then oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and the declaration against transubstantiation, which all dissenters had then to take, to subscribe to the articles of religion, except certain words.

The 10 Ann. c. 2. s. 9. which practically did away with the necessity of oath-taking by dissenters generally, expressly excluded dissenting ministers.

The 19 Geo. 3. c. 44. relieved dissenting ministers from subscribing to the articles of religion, and substituted therefor a declaration of Christian faith.

The 52 Geo. 3. c. 155. s. 5. provided that no dissenting minister who had not taken the oaths and made the declaration specified in the 19 Geo. 3. c. 44. should officiate under a penalty of 10*l.*

The declaration against transubstantiation was abolished by the 10 Geo. 4. c. 7. The form of the oaths of allegiance and supremacy is now given in the 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48. They have in addition to make the declaration given in the 19 Geo. 3. c. 44, which is as follows :—

I, A.B., do solemnly declare, in the presence of Almighty God, that I am a Christian and a Protestant, and as such, that I believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as commonly received among Protestant Churches, do contain the revealed Will of God; and that I do receive the same as the rule of my doctrine and practice.

Quakers.

By the 1 Will. & Mar. c. 18. s. 13, they were required to make the following declaration of Christian belief :—

I, A.B., profess faith in God the Father, and in Jesus Christ, His Eternal Son, the true God, and in the Holy Spirit, one God blessed for evermore; and do acknowledge the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by divine inspiration.

The declaration against transubstantiation, which they were also required by the above Act to make, was abolished by the 10 Geo. 4. c. 7.

The form of the oath of allegiance and supremacy, which oath in the form of a declaration they were also required by the Act to take, is given now by the 22 Vict. c. 10. And this declaration they are still in strictness bound to make. The 10 Ann, c. 2. s. 8, however, provides that if they are prosecuted for not making it, they shall upon making the declaration (in the 22 Vict. c. 10), and the above declaration of Christian belief, be entitled to the benefit of the Act (1 Will. & Mar. c. 18), as if they had made the declaration, &c., within the time therein prescribed.

COURT OF CHANCERY (ENGLAND).

Oath taken by the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain.*

Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and her

Amended Form.

Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall serve

* The form here given, which is the one in actual use at the Crown Office of the Court of Chancery, differs in one or two unimportant points from that given in a *Return to the House of Commons* of Oaths (No. 266, 1865, p. 4.), which is also taken by the Lord Chancellor at the Privy Council table. In addition to this oath of office, thus practically taken twice, he takes the oath of allegiance twice over, once in the Crown Office and once at the Council table.

people, in the office of Chancellor. And ye shall do right to all manner of people, poor and rich, after the laws and usages of this realm. And truly ye shall counsel the Queen, and her counsel ye shall layne and keep. And ye shall not know nor suffer the hurt or disinheriting of the Queen, or that the rights of the Crown be decreased by any mean, as far forth as ye may let it; and if ye may not let it, ye shall make it clearly and expressly known to the Queen with your true advice and counsel. And that ye shall do and purchase the Queen's profit in all that ye reasonably may.

As God you help, and by the contents of this Book.

Amended Form.

our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and her people, in the office of Chancellor. And ye shall do right to all manner of people, poor and rich, after the laws and usages of the realm.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Master of the Rolls.

Amended Form.

Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and her people in the office of Master of the Rolls of her Chancery to the which ye be called. Ye shall not assent to ne procure the disinheritance ne perpetual damage of the Queen to your power. Ne fraud ye shall do or cause to be made wrongfully to any of her people, ne in anything that toucheth the seal. And lawfully ye shall counsel the things that toucheth the Queen when ye shall be thereunto required; and the counsel that ye shall give touching her ye shall not disclose. And if ye know anything of the disinheritance or damage of the Queen or fraud to be made upon anything that toucheth the keeping of the seal, ye shall put your lawful power it to redress and amend; and if that ye cannot do, ye shall advise the Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, or other which may that amend, to your power.

Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and her people in the office of Master of the Rolls of her Chancery to the which ye be called.

So help you God.

As God you help, and by the contents of this Book.

COURT OF CHANCERY (IRELAND).

Oath taken by the Lord Chancellor.

Amended Form.

You shall swear that well and truly you shall serve Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and her people, in the office of Chancellor of Her Highness's realm of Ireland; and you shall do right to all manner of people, poor and rich, after the laws and usages of this realm; and truly you shall counsel the Queen, and her counsel you shall leyne and keep; and you shall not know nor suffer the hurt nor disinheriting of the Queen, or that the rights of the Crown be decreased by any means, as far forth as you may let it, and, if you may not let it, you shall make it clearly and expressly to be known to the Queen with your true advice and counsel, and that you shall do and purchase the Queen's profit in all that you reasonably may.

The same as that recommended for the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain.

As God you help, and by the contents of this Book.

COURTS OF QUEEN'S BENCH AND COMMON PLEAS (ENGLAND AND IRELAND).

Oath taken by the Chief Justice or a Puisne Judge.*

Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall serve Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and her people, in the office of , and that you shall truly and justly counsel Our Sovereign Lady the Queen in her need. Ye shall not give any counsel or assent to anything which might turn to hurt or disheriting of the Queen by any way or colour. Ye shall not know any hurt or disheriting of the Queen but that ye shall make it to Her to be known by you or by some other person. Ye shall do equal law and execution of right to all the Queen's subjects, rich and poor, without having regard to any person. Ye shall not take, by you or by any other person, privily nor operte, any gift or reward of gold or of silver, or anything which might turn to your profit, but if it be meat or drink, and that of little value, of any man that shall have any plea or process hanging before you, as long as before yourself the pleas and processes shall be hanging, nor after for that cause ye shall take no fees of any person as long as ye shall be Justice but of the Queen. Ye shall not give any advice or counsel to any person, great or small, in a cause where the Queen is party; and in case any person or persons, of what estate they be, come before you in your sessions, or assist with force of arms or otherwise, against the peace, or against the form of the statutes thereof made, to disturb the execution of the common law, or for to menace the people that they may not prosecute the law, ye shall do their bodies to be arrested, and put them in prison; and in case they be such as ye may not arrest, ye shall then certify the Queen or her Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of this realm for the time being, of their names and of their misdoings, diligently to the intent she may therefore ordain remedy. Ye shall not maintain by yourself nor by none other, privily nor openly, any plea or quarrel hanging in the Queen's Court, or elsewhere in the country. Ye shall not delay any person common right for the Queen's letters or the letters of any other person, nor for any other cause; and in case any letters come to you contrary to the law ye shall nothing do for such letters, but ye thereof shall certify the Queen or the deputy, &c. And ye shall proceed to do the law, the same letters notwithstanding; ye shall procure the profit of the Queen and her Crown in all things ye may reasonably do; and in case that ye be found in default hereafter in any of the points aforesaid, ye shall be at the Queen's will of body, lands, and of behaviour, to do thereof that shall please the Queen's Grace.

As God you help, and by the contents of this Book.

Amended Form.

Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and her people, in the office of . Ye shall do equal law and execution of right to all the Queen's subjects, rich and poor, without having regard to any person.

So help you God.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER (ENGLAND).

Oath taken by a Baron of the Exchequer.

Ye shall swere that wele and truely ye shall serue the King our Soueregne Lord in the office of Baron of this Eschequer and lawfully ye shall charge and discharge the peple that haue to ac-

Amended Form.

You shall swear that well and truly you shall serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of Baron

* The form of oath here given is the form actually administered to the Judges in England; the form in use in Ireland presents one or two variations, such as might arise from clerical errors.

compt affor you. And right ye shall doe to all peple as well to poure as to riche and that for highnes for riches nether for hate ne for thastate of eny person for benefit, gift, ne promyse of eny person that may be made to you, ne by art nor engyne the right of the King nor of noon other ye shall not distourbe ne respite contrary to the lawes of the land, and the King's detts ye shall not put in respite there where thay may goodely be levied. And the King's besynes ye shall speed affore all other. And that for gift, wages, nor benefit ye shall not concele the King's profit and avauntage in avauntage of other nor of yourself. And that ye shall not take fee nother robe of eny person but of the King only. And ye shall nothing take of eny person for to do wrong or to delaye the right or for deliuery or delay the peple that have to do affore you but in all that ye may ye shall deliver them. And there where ye may understand wrong or prejudice be done to the King ye shall put all your power and diligence to redresse it and if ye may not ye shall tell it to the King or to those of his counsel which may shewe it to the King if ye may not come unto hym. And the King's counsell ye shall kepe in all things.

of Her Exchequer, and that truly you shall charge and discharge all manner of people, as well the poor as the rich. So help you God.

Soe GOD you help.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER (IRELAND).

OATH TAKEN BY A BARON OF THE EXCHEQUER.

Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall serve the Queen in the office of Baron of Her Exchequer, and that ye shall do right to all people, as well the poor as the rich.

So GOD you help.

Amended Form.

The same as that recommended for a Baron of the Exchequer in England.

YEOMANRY.

OATH TAKEN BY A MEMBER OF A YEOMANRY CORPS IN IRELAND.* (42 Geo. 3. c. 68. s. 10.)

I, , do sincerely promise and swear [*or* affirm] that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and that I will faithfully support and maintain the laws and constitutions of this kingdom and the succession to the throne in Her Majesty's illustrious house. So help me GOD.

Amended Form.

The oath of allegiance, as amended.

* The ordinary oath of allegiance is prescribed to be taken by members of Yeomanry Corps in Great Britain. (44 Geo. 3. c. 54. s. 20; 15 and 16 Vict. c. 50. s. 37.)

IV.—Oaths for which Declarations should be substituted, the present Forms being retained.

HER MAJESTY'S HOUSEHOLD (MASTER OF THE HORSE'S DEPARTMENT).

Oath taken by the Servants.

do swear that I will be a faithful and true servant to our Sovereign Lady, Victoria the First, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, and that I will diligently serve Her Majesty in the office of , and obey and observe all such rules and ordinances as Her Majesty shall give relative to the government of , in the department of the Master of the Horse, and that I will not depart out of her service without her leave.

I swear that I have neither directly or indirectly given nor promised to give any gratuity, reward, consideration, nor recompense whatsoever towards obtaining the office to which I am now being admitted. So help me God.

PRIVY COUNCIL (IRELAND).

Oath taken by the Lord Lieutenant or Lords Justices.

You shall swear that you shall faithfully and truly, to your power, serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, in the room and authority of Lord Lieutenant [*or* Lord Justice] and Chief Governor of this Her realm of Ireland. You shall maintain and defend the laws of God and the Christian faith. You shall, to your power, not only keep Her Majesty's peace amongst Her people, but also maintain Her officers and ministers in the execution and administration of justice. You shall defend Her Majesty's castles, garrisons, dominions, people, and subjects of this realm, and repress Her rebels and enemies. You shall not consent to the damage and disherison of Her Majesty, Her heirs or successors; neither shall you suffer the right of the Crown to be destroyed by any way, but shall let it to your power, and if you cannot let the same, you shall certify Her Majesty clearly and expressly thereof. You shall give your true and faithful counsel for the Queen's Majesty's profit; and Her Highness's counsel you shall conceal and keep. All other things for the preservation of Her Majesty's realm of Ireland, the peace amongst Her people and execution of justice, according to Her Majesty's laws, usages, and customs of this Her Highness's realm, you shall perform and do to your power.

So help you God, and the contents of this Book.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS (IRELAND).

Oath taken by the Commissioners of Kingstown Harbour (56 Geo. 3. c. 62. s. 2).

I, A.B., do swear that I will, without favour or affection, hatred or malice, truly and impartially, according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform all and every the powers, authorities, and duties of a Commissioner reposed in me under and by virtue of an Act made in the 56th year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act for "erecting an Harbour for Ships to the Eastward of Dunleary, within the "Port of Dublin."

OATH TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY, CLERKS, AND OFFICERS OF THE SAID COMMISSIONERS (56 Geo. 3. c. 62. s. 3).

I, C.D., do swear that I will well and faithfully, without fraud or concealment, do, perform, and execute the several duties attached to the office of , to which I have been appointed by the Commissioners for erecting an Asylum Harbour at Dunleary; and that I will not accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any moneys, fees, perquisites, or profits by way of commission, premiums, per-centage, or otherwise, for or by reason of the said office, or any of the duties annexed thereunto, or by reason of any account, contract, or payment made, or to be made, or in any way relating to the said harbour, or any of the materials or works thereof, save such payment and compensation only as shall be paid or allowed to me by the said Commissioners.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR MANUFACTURES, &c. (SCOTLAND.)

OATH TAKEN BY A TRUSTEE.

I do solemnly promise and swear that I will be faithful and impartial in the execution of the trust committed to me, and that, to the utmost of my skill and judgment, I will, in the discharge of my office, promote the fisheries and the linen and hempen manufactures in Scotland. So help me GOD.

BOARD OF BRITISH WHITE HERRING FISHERY.

(48 Geo. 3. c. 110; 55 Geo. 3. c. 94; 10 & 11 Vict. c. 91; and 23 & 24 Vict. c. 92.)

OATH TAKEN BY A COMMISSIONER.

I, , do swear that I will faithfully and honestly, according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the several powers and trusts reposed in me according to the terms and purports of the above Acts, and that I am not, directly or indirectly, concerned as an adventurer in the White Herring Fishery, or as a curer of herrings, nor will I so long as I shall continue to act as a Commissioner under the said Acts be concerned, either directly or indirectly, as an adventurer in the said fishery, or as a curer of herrings.
So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY, CLERKS, AND OFFICERS.

I, , do swear that I will faithfully and honestly, according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the office and trust committed to me of , and that I am not directly or indirectly concerned as an adventurer in the White Herring Fishery, or in any other fishery, or as a curer of fish; nor will I so long as I shall continue to act as be concerned, either directly or indirectly, as an adventurer in the said fishery, or as a curer of fish. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A NAVAL OR OTHER SUPERINTENDENT.

I, , do solemnly swear that I am not directly or indirectly concerned as an adventurer in the White Herring Fishery, or in any other fishery, or as a curer of fish, and that I will not be concerned therein, either directly or indirectly, during the time I shall act as Superintendent of the White Herring Fishery. So help me GOD.

COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

OATH TAKEN BY A COMMISSIONER (8 & 9 Vict. c. 100. s. 6).

I, A.B., do swear that I will discreetly, impartially, and faithfully execute all the trusts and powers committed unto me by virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the ninth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria,

intituled "An Act for the Regulation of the Care and Treatment of Lunatics," and that I will keep secret all such matters as shall come to my knowledge in the execution of my office (except when required to divulge the same by legal authority, or so far as I shall feel myself called upon to do so for the better execution of the duty imposed on me by the said Act). So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY AND CLERKS (8 & 9 Vict. c. 100. s. 12).

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully execute all such trusts and duties as shall be committed to my charge as Secretary to the Commissioners in Lunacy [*or* as Clerk to the Commissioners in Lunacy, *as the case may be*]; and that I will keep secret all such matters as shall come to my knowledge in the execution of my office (except when required to divulge the same by legal authority). So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A VISITOR OF LUNATICS APPOINTED BY JUSTICES AT SESSIONS (s. 17).

The same as that prescribed to be taken by a Commissioner in Lunacy.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK TO VISITORS (s. 21).

The same oath, *mutatis mutandis*, as that prescribed to be taken by the Secretary and Clerks to the Commissioners.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT TO THE CLERK TO VISITORS (s. 22).

I, A.B., do solemnly swear that I will faithfully keep secret all such matters and things as shall come to my knowledge in consequence of my employment as Assistant to the Clerk of the Visitors appointed for the county [or borough] of by virtue of an Act of Parliament passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for the Regula- "tion of the Care and Treatment of Lunatics," unless required to divulge the same by legal authority. So help me GOD.

BOARD OF LUNACY FOR SCOTLAND.

OATH TAKEN BY A COMMISSIONER (20 & 21 Vict. c. 71. ss. 7 & 24).

I, A.B., do swear that I will discreetly, impartially, and faithfully execute all the trusts and powers committed to me by virtue of an Act of Parliament passed in the twenty-first year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the care and treatment of lunatics, and for the "provision, maintenance, and regulation of lunatic asylums, in Scotland," and that I will keep secret all such matters as shall come to my knowledge in the execution of my office, except when required to divulge the same by legal authority, or so far as I shall feel myself called upon to do so for the better execution of the duty imposed upon me by the said Act. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY SECRETARY, CLERK, OR MEDICAL OR DISTRICT INSPECTOR.

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully execute all such trusts and duties as shall be committed to my charge as secretary (*or* as clerk, *or* as medical *or* district inspector, *as the case may be*), to the Board of Lunacy for Scotland, and that I will keep secret all such matters as shall come to my knowledge in the execution of the duties of the said office, except when required by legal authority to divulge the same. So help me GOD.

INSPECTORS OF LUNATIC ASYLUMS IN IRELAND.

Oath taken by an Inspector (5 & 6 Vict. c. 123. s. 2; 8 & 9 Vict. c. 107.)*

I, ... do swear that I will discreetly, impartially, and faithfully execute all the trusts committed unto me by virtue of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An "Act for amending, until the 1st day of August 1845, and until the end of the "then next session of Parliament, the law relating to private lunatic asylums "in Ireland;" and that I will keep secret all such matters as come to my knowledge in the execution of my office (except when required to divulge the same by legal authority), or so far as I shall feel myself called upon to do so for the better execution of the duty imposed upon me by this Act.

So help me God.

COMMISSIONERS FOR THE REGULATION OF ENDOWED SCHOOLS (IRELAND).

(53 Geo. 3. c. 107; 3 Geo. 4. c. 79.)

Oath taken by a Visitor of Schools.

I, A.B., having been appointed by the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, for them and on their behalf, to visit the school of , do swear that I will faithfully and diligently execute the duties of the said office according to the best of my skill and judgment, and without favour or partiality to any person or persons whatsoever. So help me God.

COPYHOLD, INCLOSURE, AND TITHE COMMISSION.

Oath taken by a Tithe Commissioner and an Assistant Tithe Commissioner (6 & 7 Will. 4. c. 71. s. 9).

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and judgment, fulfil all the powers and duties of a Commissioner [*or* Assistant Commissioner, *as the case may be*,] under an Act passed in the year of the reign of King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the Commutation of Tithes in England and Wales."

DUCHY OF CORNWALL.

Oath taken by a Councillor.

You swear that you will be true and faithful unto our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and her heirs and successors, kings of Great Britain. And will be faithful and true to His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales; and will according to your judgment and discretion, knowledge and experience give unto him true and faithful advice and counsel in all things touching the affairs of his duchy of Cornwall. You shall keep secret and conceal his said counsel without disclosing the same to any person not a member of the same council, unless with the consent of His Royal Highness. You shall not promote or further any matter in the said council for any reward, favour, affection, or displeasure. And in case you shall perceive anything to be done or attempted contrary to His Royal Highness' honor, estate, or security, you shall to the uttermost of your power withstand and prevent the same. And generally you shall do all manner of things that to a good and faithful Councillor shall appertain. So help you God.

* This oath is given in a *Return to the House of Commons* (No. 266—I., 1866), as taken by the Inspectors. But the Act 8 & 9 Vict. c. 107, seems not to require that it should be taken. See s. 23. of the Act.

Oath taken by the Chancellor.

You shall swear that well and truly you shall serve His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Saxony, Duke of Cornwall and Rothsay, Earl of Chester, Carrick, and Dublin, Baron of Renfrew, Lord of the Isles, and Great Steward of Scotland, in the office of his Chancellor, and truly counsel His Royal Highness and his counsel keep. And you shall not know nor suffer the hurt or disheriting of His Royal Highness, or that the right of His Royal Highness be decreased by any means as far forth as you may prevent it; and if you may not prevent it you shall make it clearly and expressly to be known to His Royal Highness or his council. And you shall do and procure His Royal Highness' profit in all that you reasonably and lawfully may.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Receiver-General.

You shall swear that well and truly you shall serve His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Saxony, Duke of Cornwall and Rothsay, Earl of Chester, Carrick, and Dublin, Baron of Renfrew, Lord of the Isles, and Great Steward of Scotland, in the office of his Receiver-General. And His Royal Highness's revenues truly you shall keep, and according to the warrants and directions given to you by His Royal Highness or His Royal Highness's council dispend and dispose the same. And His Royal Highness's counsel you shall keep and you shall neither know nor suffer His Royal Highness' hurt nor disheriting, nor that His Royal Highness's right be decreased by any means as far forth as you may prevent it; and if you may not prevent it you shall make it clearly and expressly to be known to His Royal Highness or his council. And you shall do and procure His Royal Highness's profit in all that you reasonably and lawfully may. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Surveyor-General.

You shall swear that well and truly you shall serve His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Saxony, Duke of Cornwall and Rothsay, Earl of Chester, Carrick, and Dublin, Baron of Renfrew, Lord of the Isles, and Great Steward of Scotland, in the office of his Surveyor-General of all his lands and woods. And truly you shall counsel His Royal Highness and his counsel you shall keep. And you shall not know nor suffer anything tending to the hurt or disheriting of His Royal Highness, or that the right of His Royal Highness be decreased by any means so far forth as you may prevent it; and if you may not prevent it you shall make it clearly and expressly to be known to His Royal Highness or his council, with your true advice and counsel. And you shall do and procure His Royal Highness' profit in all that you reasonably and lawfully may. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Auditor.

You swear that well and truly you shall serve His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Saxony, Duke of Cornwall and Rothsay, Earl of Chester, Carrick, and Dublin, Baron of Renfrew, Lord of the Isles, and Great Steward of Scotland, in the office of his Auditor, and as such Auditor you shall to the utmost of your ability take, examine, supervise, and correct all account whatsoever touching his said duchy of Cornwall and the revenues and profits thereof that shall from time to time be declared or submitted to you, and shall truly certify and report upon the same to His Royal Highness, or his council, when thereunto required, and truly serve His Royal Highness in your said office, and his counsel faithfully keep, and you shall not know nor suffer the hurt or disheriting of His Royal Highness, his honor, or estate, or that the right of His Royal Highness be decreased by any means so far forth as you may prevent it; and if you may not prevent it you shall make it clearly and expressly to be known to His Royal Highness, or his council. And you shall do and procure His Royal Highness' profit in all that you reasonably and lawfully may. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General.

You shall swear that well and truly you shall serve His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Saxony, Duke of Cornwall and Rothsay, Earl of Chester, Carrick, and Dublin, Baron of Renfrew, Lord of the Isles, and Great Steward of Scotland, in the office and service of His Attorney-General [*or* His Solicitor-General, *as the case may be*], in all that belongeth to you to do in respect of the same office to the uttermost of your skill and power. You shall truly counsel him, and his counsel you shall keep. You shall not know or suffer His Highness' hurt or disheriting, nor that his rights be decreased by any means so far forth as you may prevent it; and if you may not prevent it you shall make knowledge thereof clearly and expressly to His Highness, with your true advice and counsel. And that you shall do and promote His Highness's profit in all that you may reasonably do.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Secretary, Clerk of Council, and Keeper of Records.

You shall swear that well and truly you shall serve His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, in the offices of Secretary and Clerk of the Council, and of Keeper of all and singular the records belonging to him in respect of his Duchy of Cornwall. You shall be obedient to His Royal Highness's council, and all matters and affairs committed to you to be kept secret you shall faithfully keep, and you shall not know nor suffer anything tending to the hurt or disheriting of His Royal Highness, his honor, or estate, or that the right of His Royal Highness be decreased by any means so far forth as you may prevent it; and if you may not prevent it you shall make it clearly and expressly to be known to His Royal Highness or his council. And you shall do and procure His Royal Highness's profit in all that you reasonably and lawfully may. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Sheriff of Cornwall.

I do swear that I will well and truly serve as well the Queen's Majesty as His Royal Highness, Albert Edward, Duke of Cornwall, in the office of the Sheriff of the county of Cornwall, and promote Her Majesty's and His Royal Highness' profit in all things that belong to my office so far as I legally can or may; I will truly preserve the Queen's right, and the right of His said Royal Highness, and all that belongeth to the Crown or Duchy of Cornwall. I will not assist to decrease, lessen, or conceal the Queen's rights or the rights of His Royal Highness, or the rights of their or either of their franchises. And whensoever I shall have knowledge that the rights of the Crown or Duchy are concealed or withdrawn, be it in lands, rents, franchises, suits, or services, or in any other matter or thing, I will do my utmost to make them be restored to the Crown or Duchy again; and if I may not do it myself I will certify and inform the Queen or His Royal Highness thereof, or some of Her Majesty's judges. I will not respite or delay to levy the Queen's debts, or the debts of His Royal Highness, for any gift, promise, reward, or favour, where I may raise the same without great grievance to the debtors. I will do right as well to the poor as rich in all things belonging to my office. I will do no wrong to any man for any gift, reward, or promise, nor for any favour or hatred. I will disturb no man's right, and will truly and faithfully acquit all those of whom I shall receive any debts, duties, or sums of money belonging to the Crown or His Royal Highness. I will take nothing whereby the Queen or His Royal Highness may lose, or whereby their right may be disturbed injured, or delayed. I will duly return and duly serve all the Queen's writs according to the best of my skill and knowledge. I will take no bailiff into my service but such as I will answer for, and will cause each of them to take such oaths as I do in what belongs to their business and occupation. I will duly set and return reasonable and due issues of them that be within my bailiwick according to their estates and circumstances, and make due panels of persons able and sufficient, and not suspected or procured, as is appointed by the statutes of this realm. I have not sold nor let to farm, nor contracted for, nor

have I granted or promised for reward or benefit, nor will I sell or let to farm, nor contract for, or grant for reward or benefit for myself or any other person for me or for my use, directly or indirectly, my sheriffwick or any bailiwick thereof, or any office belonging thereunto, or the profits of the same to any person or persons whomsoever. I will truly and diligently execute all the good laws and statutes of this realm, and in all things well and truly behave myself in my office for the honour of the Queen and His Royal Highness, and the good of Her Majesty's subjects, and discharge the same according to the best of my skill and power. So help me GOD.

DUCHY OF LANCASTER.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CHANCELLOR.

You shall swear that to your cunning and knowledge you shall do equal right and justice and be indifferent in all matters to all manner of persons that shall pursue or answer before you and the Queen's Council of the Duchy of Lancaster, and that which shall be most for the avail and profit of the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors, as far as right and conscience will require; you shall keep secret all things that shall be communed in the said Council, and them not disclose or make overt but only to the Queen's own person, or to such other of the same Council as your wisdom shall think expedient. This and all other things that may serve for the weal and profit of the Queen's Highness, her heirs and successors, and for the good rule and governance of the said Duchy, you shall well and truly do and fulfil to your cunning and power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY EACH ONE SWORN OF THE COUNCIL.

Ye shall swear that ye shall give good advice and counsel after your cunning in all such things as ye shall hear opened and communed in the Queen's Council of Her Duchy of Lancaster, and most for the Queen's avail and profit as far as right and conscience will require, and be indifferent in all matters to all manner of persons that shall pursue or answer before the said Council whensoever it shall happen you to be present there; ye shall also keep secret all things that shall be communed in the said Council, and them not to disclose and make overt without the advice and assent of the said Council, but only to the Queen's own person, or to such other of the same Council as your wisdom shall think expedient to be done. These and all other things that may serve for the Queen's weal and profit, and for the good rule and governance of the said Duchy, ye shall well and truly do and fulfil to your cunning and power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF THE DUCHY, THE SERJEANT OF THE DUCHY, THE TWO COUNSEL LEARNED IN THE LAW, AND BY THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND SERJEANT IN THE COUNTY PALATINE.

You shall swear that you shall be true and faithful unto our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the exercise and occupation of "Her ", whereunto she hath enabled you and admitted you, and truly to serve her in your labour, cunning, study, and diligence of and in the same to the best of your power, without hurt, craft, concealment, or prejudice; you shall not harm nor know of any loss to be done to the Queen's harm but ye shall let it to your power and in all haste and possible diligence you shall give her knowledge thereof, and well and truly behave yourself in the said office of during the time you shall continue therein; and all such matters as you shall hear, know, or understand of the Queen's Council that require to be kept secret you shall keep secret to yourself, and not disclose them to any person but to the Queen herself, or to such of the Queen's Council that be appointed to be of the same Council, and you shall endeavour yourself truly to make the Queen's best profit in all her causes, and do nothing to her hurt or hindrance, and you shall behave yourself well and indifferently as a just counsellor, not letting for dread, favour, or for corruption, but well, truly, and indiffe-

rently behave yourself in all things that you shall meddle with of the Queen's causes as the duty of a true counsellor, and as your said office and business shall require. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE RECEIVER-GENERAL AND OTHER RECEIVERS.

Ye shall swear that ye shall well and truly account, return, and answer to the Queen our Sovereign all the profits and revenues of your office of that ye now occupy, and that ye shall not in your account and reckoning make any excuse nor delay, nor ask allowance of any parcel or parcels in the same but such as shall be good and true; and also that ye shall well and truly approve the Queen's lands and other her revenues of your charge within your said office to her most avail and profit as far as your cunning, authority, and power can serve you, with all other things doing well and truly what appertaineth to your charge in this behalf. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE AUDITOR.

Ye shall swear that you shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and her heirs in that office that ye now be admitted unto as Auditor of the Duchy of and be obedient, diligent, and attentive unto the Council of the same in all things as shall concern the weal, profit, and good governance of the said Duchy; ye shall also keep well and surely the records of evidence of the said Duchy that shall come to your keeping and ward, and none of them embezzle nor withdraw, nor suffer to be embezzled nor withdrawn to your power, whereby any hurt or harm may grow to the Queen by reason of the same; and ye shall also keep secret all such things as ye shall hear spoken and communed in the Council of the said Duchy, and the same in no wise to discover nor make open to any other person than only to the Queen's own person or such other of the said Council as ye shall be commanded to do. All these things and all other that appertain to your office and charge ye shall well and truly do and perform after your cunning and power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL.

Ye shall swear that you shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and her heirs in that office that ye now be admitted unto as Clerk of the Council of the said Duchy, and be obedient, diligent, and attentive unto the Chancellor and Council of the same in all things as shall concern the weal, profit, and good governance of the said Duchy; ye shall also keep well and surely the records of evidence of the said Duchy that shall come to your keeping and ward, and none of them embezzle nor withdraw, nor suffer to be embezzled nor withdrawn to your power, whereby any hurt or harm may grow to the Queen by reason of the same; and ye shall also keep secret all such things as ye shall hear spoken and communed in the Council of the said Duchy, and the same in no wise discover nor make open to any other person than only to the Queen's own person, or to such other of the said Council as ye shall be commanded to do. All these things and all other that appertain to your office and charge ye shall well and truly do and perform after your cunning and power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SURVEYORS OF LANDS, &c.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of Land Steward and Surveyor-General of Her Majesty's Lands of the Duchy of Lancaster whereunto you are now admitted; you shall be obedient, diligent, and attentive unto the Chancellor and Council of the same Duchy in all things which may concern the wealth, profit, and good governance of the said Duchy, and well and faithfully execute and return all commissions, warrants, and orders to you lawfully directed for surveying and valuing Her Majesty's manors, messuages, lands, and hereditaments within the said Duchy therein to be mentioned and set forth according to your best

cunning and ability, and well and truly approve the same as far as your authority and power will serve you, and in all other things doing well and truly what appertaineth to your charge and the duty of your office in that behalf. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Surveyors of Woods.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of Wood Steward and Surveyor-General of Her Majesty's Woods within the Duchy of Lancaster whereunto you are now admitted, and be obedient, diligent, and attentive unto the Chancellor and Council of the same Duchy in all things which may concern the wealth, profit, and good governance of the said Duchy, and well and faithfully execute all commissions, warrants, and orders to you lawfully directed for sales of wood and timber within your department to your power, and from time to time dispose thereof for Her Majesty's best avail, and render a just and fair account thereof according to the duty of your office, and that you will not in your account or reckoning make or ask any allowance but such as shall be just and true, and approve yourself within your said office to Her Majesty's most profit, as far as your cunning, authority, and power can serve, with all other things doing well and truly what appertaineth to your charge in this behalf.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Coroner within a Duchy Liberty.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty and her liege people in the office of a Coroner, and as Coroner of and within the liberty and franchise [*or* honour] of , being parcel of the ancient Duchy of Lancaster, in the county of , and therein you shall diligently and truly do and accomplish all and every thing and things appertaining to your office after the best of your cunning, wit, and power, both for the Queen's profit and the good of the inhabitants within the said liberty and franchise [*or* honour], taking such fees for the execution and exercise thereof, and such only as you ought to take by the laws and statutes of this realm. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Master of Wigston's Hospital.

You shall swear that you will become a good and profitable Master of the hospital of William Wigston in Leicester, and procure the profit and commodity of the same, and of the incorporation thereof, by all lawful means to the uttermost of your power, and to govern and order the said hospital and all the members thereof, and all the possessions, goods, and revenues, and other things belonging to the same according to the purport and true meaning of the ordinances made and now in force for the governance of the said hospital.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Vice-Chancellor of Lancashire.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and her people in the office of Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster to which you are now admitted, and that in the exercise thereof you will to your cunning and knowledge do equal right to all manner of persons, rich and poor, who shall pursue or answer before you in the Chancery of the said county palatine according to the good laws and usages of the realm; you shall not know nor suffer the hurt or disherison of the Queen or the rights of the Crown to be decreased by any means as far forth as you may let or hinder the same, and if you may not let or hinder the same you shall forthwith make it clearly and distinctly known unto her Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster for the time being, with your true advice and counsel thereupon, all which you swear you will do and perform to the best of your skill and knowledge. So help you God.

Oath taken by the several Officers of the Duchy not of the Council.

You shall swear that you will be true and faithful unto our Sovereign Lady the Queen and her heirs Kings or Queens of Great Britain, and true faith and truth bear unto them, and duly serve the Queen's liege in your person, and if you shall fortune anything to know that shall be prejudicial or hurtful to the Queen you shall let and hinder it to your power, and in all haste with possible diligence you shall give her or her Council knowledge thereof, and also you shall well and truly execute your office of whereto you are now admitted during the time you shall stand and be officer therein, and in all other things well and truly behave yourself as to the duty of your allegiance and the duty of your said office belongeth. So help you God.

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSION (ENGLAND AND IRELAND).

Oath taken by a Commissioner appointed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in Ireland to inquire into the Value of Livings (3 & 4 Will. 4. c. 37. s. 19).

I, A.B., do swear that I will well, diligently, and truly, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, do, fulfil, perform, and execute the several powers and trusts reposed in me by virtue of a commission issued pursuant to the provisions of an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act to alter and amend the Laws "relating to the Temporalities of the Church in Ireland," within the limits thereof, without favour or affection, prejudice, malice, or ill-will to any person whatever. So help me God.

INLAND REVENUE.

Oath taken by a Commissioner of Assessed Taxes (43 Geo. 3. c. 99. schedule (A).)

I, do swear that I will truly, faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the several powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by an Act passed in the 43d year of the reign of His late Majesty George the Third, intituled, "An Act for "consolidating certain of the provisions contained in any Act or Acts relating "to the Duties under the management of the Commissioners for the Affairs "of Taxes, and for amending the same," or by any other Act or Acts granting to Her Majesty any duties to be assessed under the regulations of the said Act, and that I will judge and determine upon all appeals, and all other matters and things which shall be brought before me as a Commissioner under the said Acts, or any of them, without favour or affection. So help me God.

Oath taken by an Assessor of Assessed Taxes.

I, do swear, that I will diligently execute the office of an Assessor, to which I am appointed by authority of an Act passed in the 43d year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act for "consolidating certain of the Provisions contained in any Act or Acts relating "to the Duties under the management of the Commissioners for the Affairs "of Taxes, and for amending the same," and that in the assessment which I am required to make by any other Act or Acts, granting to Her present Majesty any duties to be assessed under the regulations of the said Act, I will faithfully and honestly act, without favour or affection, according to the best of my skill and knowledge. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Commissioner of Land Tax.

I, do swear, that I truly and *bonâ fide* am possessed of, in my own right, and in the actual enjoyment or receipt of the rents and profits of

lands, tenements, or hereditaments, of the clear yearly value of forty pounds, or possessed of a personal estate to the amount of one thousand pounds.

Oath Taken by an Assessor of Income Tax.

I, , of , do swear that in the execution of an Act passed in the 17th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for granting to Her "Majesty Duties on Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades, and "Offices," and the several other Acts relating to the said duties, I will in all respects act diligently and honestly, and without favour or affection, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I will not disclose any particular contained in any statement or schedule delivered to me in the execution of the said Acts, with respect to any duties charged under the provisions and regulations relating to Schedule (D.) of the said Act, passed in the 17th year of Her said Majesty, except in such cases and to such persons only who shall be sworn to the due execution of the said Acts, and where it shall be necessary to disclose the same for the purposes of the said Acts, or in order to or in the course of a prosecution for perjury, committed in any matter relating to such statement or schedule. So help me God.

Oath taken by an Inspector and Surveyor of Income Tax.

I, , of , do swear that in the execution of an Act passed in the 17th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for granting "to Her Majesty Duties on Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades, "and Offices," I will examine and revise all statements, schedules, and declarations delivered within my district, and in objecting to the same I will act according to the best of my information and knowledge; and that I will conduct myself without favour, affection, or malice; and that I will exercise the powers entrusted to me by the said Act in such manner only as shall appear to me to be necessary for the due execution of the same, or as I shall be directed by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, or any two or more of them; and that I will not disclose any particular contained in any statement or schedule with respect to any duties charged under the provisions and regulations relating to Schedule (D.) of the said Act, or any evidence or answer given by any person who shall be examined, or shall make affidavit, deposition, or affirmation respecting the same, in pursuance of the said Act, except in such cases and to such persons only who shall be sworn to the due execution of the said Act, and where it shall be necessary to disclose the same for the purposes of the said Act, or to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, or in order to or in the course of a prosecution for perjury, committed in such examination, affidavit, deposition, or affirmation. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Collector or Officer for Receipt of Income Tax.

I, , of , do swear that in the execution of an Act passed in the 17th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for granting to "Her Majesty Duties on Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades, "and Offices," and the several other Acts relating to the said duties, I will "not disclose any assessment, or the amount of any sum paid, or to be paid, by any individual under the said Acts, or the books of assessment which shall be delivered to me in the execution of the said Acts, with respect to any duties charged under the provisions and regulations relating to Schedule (D.) of the said Act, passed in the 17th year of Her said Majesty, except in such cases and to such persons only who shall be sworn to the due execution of the said Acts, and where it shall be necessary to disclose the same for the purposes of the said Acts, or to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, or in order to or in the course of a prosecution for perjury, committed in relation to the said duties. So help me God.

OATH TAKEN BY A CLERK OR CLERK'S ASSISTANT TO COMMISSIONERS OF INCOME TAX.

I, , of , do swear, that I will diligently and faithfully execute the office of , according to an Act passed in the 17th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty Duties "on Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades, and Offices," to the best of my knowledge and judgment. And that I will not disclose any particular contained in any statement, declaration, or schedule, with respect to the duties charged under the provisions and regulations relating to Schedule (D.) of the said Act, or any evidence or answer given by any person who shall be examined, or shall make affidavit, deposition, or affirmation respecting the same, except in such cases and to such persons only who shall be sworn to the due execution of the said Act, and where I shall be directed so to do by the regulations of the said Act, or any two or more of the Commissioners under whom I act, or of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, or in order to and in the course of a prosecution for perjury, committed on such examination, affidavit, deposition, or affirmation. So help me GOD.

METROPOLITAN POLICE OFFICE.

OATH TAKEN BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE OF THE METROPOLIS (10 Geo. 4. c. 44. s. 1.; 2 & 3 Vict. c. 47. s. 4.; 19 & 20 Vict. c. 2. s. 1).

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute all the powers and duties of a Justice of the Peace, under and by virtue of an Act passed in the tenth year of the reign of King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act for improving the Police in and near the Metropolis."

OATH TAKEN BY A CONSTABLE OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE ON HIS APPOINTMENT (10 Geo. 4. c. 44. s. 4.; 2 & 3 Vict. c. 47. s. 7).

I swear that I will well and truly, to the best of my knowledge and ability, act as a Constable for the Metropolitan Police District and within the Royal palaces of Her Majesty Queen Victoria and 10 miles thereof, for preserving the peace and preventing robberies and other felonies and apprehending offenders against the peace, and that I will well and truly execute such office of constable, and all powers and duties which I may be authorized or required to execute by virtue of an Act of Parliament passed in the tenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, for improving the police in and near the metropolis, or by virtue of an Act of Parliament passed in the third year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, for further improving the police in and near the metropolis, So help me GOD.

Constables of the Metropolitan Police employed in Her Majesty's naval yards and military stations, and within 15 miles thereof, are sworn (as directed by 23 & 24 Vict. c. 135. s. 2) "to execute the office of constable within all or any of Her Majesty's yards, or of the principal stations of the War Department in any part of England and Wales, and within 15 miles of such yards or stations."

OFFICE OF WOODS, &c.

OATH TAKEN BY A COMMISSIONER (10 Geo. 4. c. 50.; 2 Will. 4. c. 1.; 14 & 15 Vict. c. 42.)

I, A.B., do swear that I will truly, honestly, faithfully, and diligently execute the duties of a Commissioner of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues. So help me GOD.

PUBLIC WORKS LOAN OFFICE.

DECLARATION MADE BY A COMMISSIONER (29 & 30 Vict. c. 72. s. 8*).

I, A.B., do declare that according to the best of my judgment I will faithfully and impartially execute the several duties, powers, and trusts vested in me by an Act entitled "An Act to authorize Advances of Money out of the "Consolidated Fund for carrying on Public Works and Fisheries, and for "the Employment of the Poor; and for the Purposes of the Harbours and "Passing Tolls Act, 1861, The Cattle Diseases Prevention Act, 1866, and "The Labouring Classes Dwellings Act, 1866," according to the tenor and purport of the said Act, and the Acts therein recited, and other Acts having reference thereto.

A declaration is also made by the officers engaged under the Commissioners as to "their faithful demeanour in all things relating to the due performance "of the trusts reposed in them by the said Commissioners." An oath in these terms was prescribed by 57 Geo. 3. c. 34. s. 8, but a declaration has been substituted by authority of 5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 62.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN MIDDLESEX.

OATH TAKEN BY THE REGISTRARS (7 Anne c. 20. s. 3).

You shall swear that you will truly and faithfully perform and execute the office and duty that is directed and required by you to be done by Act of Parliament, intituled "An Act for the public registering of Deeds, Conveyances, and Wills, and other Incumbrances which shall be made of or that may affect any Honors, Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the County of Middlesex after the 29th day of September 1709," and that you have not given or promised, directly or indirectly, nor authorized any person to give or promise, any money, gratuity, or reward whatsoever for procuring or obtaining the said office for you. So help you GOD.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN YORKSHIRE.

OATH TAKEN BY THE REGISTRAR FOR THE NORTH RIDING AND HIS DEPUTY (8 Geo. 2. c. 6. ss. 7, 8).

You shall truly and faithfully perform and execute the office and duty that is directed and required by you to be done by Act of Parliament, intituled "An "Act for the public registering of all Deeds, Conveyances, Wills, and other "Incumbrances that shall be made of or that may affect any Honors, Manors, "Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the North Riding of the County "of York after the 29th day of September 1736;" and that you have not given or promised, directly or indirectly, nor authorized any person to give or promise, any money, gratuity, or reward whatsoever for procuring or obtaining the said office for you. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE REGISTRAR FOR THE WEST RIDING AND HIS DEPUTY (2 & 3 Ann, c. 4. ss. 9, 10, and 15).

You shall truly and faithfully perform and execute the office and duty that is directed and required by Act of Parliament in registering memorials of deeds, conveyances, and wills within the West Riding of the county of York so long as you shall continue in the said office; and that you have not given or promised, directly nor indirectly, nor authorized any person to give or promise, any money, gratuity, or reward whatsoever for procuring or obtaining the said office for you. So help you GOD.

* This is the last of the many Acts which have from time to time been passed, authorizing advances of money out of the Consolidated Fund for carrying on public works.

Oath taken by the Registrar for the East Riding and his Deputy (6 Ann, c. 35. ss. 6, 7, and 9).

You shall duly and faithfully perform and execute the office and duty that is directed and required by you to be done by Act of Parliament, intituled "An "Act for the public registering of all Deeds, Conveyances, Wills, and other "Incumbrances that shall be made of or that may affect any Honors, Manors, "Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the East Riding of the County "of York or the Town and County of the Town of Kingston-upon-Hull after "the 29th day of September 1708;" and that you have not given or promised, directly or indirectly, nor authorized any person to give or promise, any money, gratuity, or reward whatsoever for procuring or obtaining the said office for you. So help you God.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, KILMAINHAM.

Oath taken by the Master.

You shall, to the best of your skill and understanding, well and truly execute the office of Master of the Hospital of King Charles the Second for ancient and maimed officers and soldiers of the army of Ireland, and diligently and faithfully discharge the trust reposed in you according to such orders and instructions as you shall from time to time receive from the governors of the said hospital. So help you God.

Oath taken by Deputy Masters, the Chaplain, the Secretary and Treasurer, the Physician and Surgeon.

You shall, to the best of your skill and understanding, well and truly execute the office of of the Hospital of King Charles the Second for ancient and mained officers and soldiers of the army of Ireland, and diligently and faithfully discharge the trust reposed in you according to such orders and instructions as you shall from time to time receive from the governors and master of the said hospital or others, your superior officers.

So help you God.

TOWER OF LONDON.

Oath taken by the Constable and the Lieutenant of the Tower.

You shall swear that you shall well and truly serve the Queen's Majesty in the office of of the Tower of London. And the same Tower you shall faithfully and safely keep to the behalf of Her Majesty; and the profit of the Queen you shall do and advance in all things that to you as of the Tower belongeth. And the rights and privileges of the Tower that to the same lawfully appertain you shall keep and preserve. You shall hear nothing that may be hurtful to the Tower or prejudicial to Her Majesty, but that, with all convenient speed, you shall disclose to some of the Privy Council. In these and all other things that to a of the Tower belongeth to do, well and faithfully you shall, according to your best power and knowledge, perform, fulfil, and keep.

So help you God, and the holy contents of this Book.

WEST INDIAN ENCUMBERED ESTATES COMMISSION.

Oath taken by a Commissioner (17 & 18 Vict. c. 117. s. 15).

I, A.B., do swear, that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and judgment, fulfil all the powers and duties of a Commissioner under an Act passed in the year of the reign of Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to facilitate the Sale and Transfer of Incumbered Estates "in the West Indies."

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Oath taken by a Commissioner

appointed under "An Act to provide for the establishing of Compositions "for Tithes in Ireland for a limited Time" (4 Geo. 4. c. 99. s. 14).

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and ability, execute and perform the powers and authorities vested and reposed in me as a Commissioner, in the parish of , by virtue of an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act to provide for the establishing of Compositions for "Tithes in Ireland for a limited Time," according to the directions of the said Act, and according to equity and good conscience, and without favour or affection, prejudice or malice, to any person or persons whomsoever.

Oath taken by an Umpire

appointed under the same Act (s. 20).

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully, honestly, and impartially, according to the best of my skill and ability, execute and perform the powers and authorities reposed in me by virtue of an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act to provide for the establishing of "Compositions for Tithes in Ireland for a limited Time," in the parish of , according to the directions of the said Act, and according to equity and good conscience, and without partiality, favour, or affection, prejudice or malice, to any person or persons whomsoever; and that I am not owner or proprietor of any tithes, nor owner nor occupier of any lands subject to the payment of any tithes or composition for tithes, in the said parish of , nor agent or steward of any person so interested.

So help me God.

Oath taken by a Commissioner, an Umpire, or a Surveyor

appointed under "An Act for facilitating the Inclosure of open and arable "Fields in England and Wales" (6 & 7 Will. 4. c. 115. s. 6).

I, A.B., do swear [*or*, being of the people called Quakers, do solemnly affirm], that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform the several powers and authorities vested and reposed in me as a Commissioner, [*or* an Umpire, *or* a Surveyor, *as the case may be*,] by virtue of an Act passed in the year of the reign of King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for facilitating the Inclosure of "open and arable Fields in England and Wales," according to equity and good conscience, without favour or affection, prejudice or partiality, to any person or persons whomsoever. So help me God.

[*Or*, being a Quaker, omit the words "So help me God."]

Oath taken by an Engineer, Surveyor, or other Person

appointed under "An Act to empower Landed Proprietors in Ireland to sink, "embank, and remove Obstructions in Rivers" (1 & 2 Will. 4. c. 57. s. 20; 5 & 6 Vict. c. 105).

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully and honestly, according to the best of my skill and ability, execute and perform the powers and authorities vested and reposed in me by and under the provisions of an Act passed in the second year of the reign of His Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act "to empower Landed Proprietors in Ireland to sink, embank, and remove "Obstructions in Rivers," according to the directions of the said Act, and according to equity and good conscience, and without favour or affection, prejudice or malice, to any person or persons whomsoever. So help me God.

OATH TAKEN BY A VALUATOR

appointed under the Lands Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845 (8 & 9 Vict. c. 19. s. 58).

I, A.B., do solemnly swear that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and ability, execute the duty of making the valuation hereby referred to me. So help me GOD.

COURT OF CHANCERY (ENGLAND).

OATH TAKEN BY A MASTER IN LUNACY (16 & 17 Vict. c. 70. s. 6., and Sched. II.)

I do swear that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the several powers and trusts given to and reposed in me as one of the Masters in Lunacy, and that without favour or affection, prejudice or malice. So help me GOD.

COURT OF CHANCERY (IRELAND).

OATH TAKEN BY A MASTER IN CHANCERY BEFORE RESIGNING HIS OFFICE (4 Geo. 4. c. 61. s. 39).

I, A.B., do solemnly swear, that I neither have received, nor will receive, directly or indirectly, by myself or by any one in trust for me, any sum or sums of money, gift, promise, or engagement, as a consideration, inducement, or reward for my resignation of the office of Master in Chancery.

OATH TAKEN BY AN OFFICER OF THE COURT OF CHANCERY.

I, do solemnly swear that I will, to the best of my knowledge, skill, and judgment, execute and perform such of the duties of the office of , in the Court of Chancery in Ireland, as I shall personally execute; and that I will well and faithfully pay every deputy or clerk whom I shall or may at any time employ, in any part of the business of the said office, such salaries and allowances as they shall from time to time be respectively entitled to by law, or such additional sum as I shall contract or agree to pay them respectively; and that I will not by myself, or by any deputy or clerk, or other person or persons, ask or demand, or have, take, accept, or receive, any gift, fee, reward, gratuity, or remuneration whatsoever, other than such as shall at the time of receiving the same be authorized and allowed by the tables which shall be then in force, or under the provisions of some Act of Parliament; and that I will in all things relating to my said office conduct myself according to the rules and regulations which shall from time to time be in force for the regulation of such office, and of the business thereof.

So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A CLERK TO AN EXAMINER (4 Geo. 4. c. 61. s. 46).

I, C.D., do swear that, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, I will truly and faithfully execute and exercise the office of a Copying Clerk in the office of A.B., one of the Examiners of Her Majesty's High Court of Chancery in Ireland, whereunto I am admitted, so long as I shall continue to hold the said office; and that I will also well and faithfully preserve and keep such of the Queen's Records wherewith I shall be entrusted, or whereunto I shall have access; and that I will not publish, disclose, or make known to any person or persons whatsoever the particulars or the purport or contents of any deposition or depositions copied or read by me in the execution of my said office, or to which I shall have access thereby, until publication thereof respectively shall duly pass. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A MASTER'S CLERK AND EXAMINER (4 Geo. 4. c. 61. s. 48).

The same oath, *mutatis mutandis*, as that taken by a Clerk to an Examiner, which is given on p. 61.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER (ENGLAND).

OATH TAKEN BY THE REMEMBRANCER OF THE EXCHEQUER.

Ye shall swere that ye shall well and truly serue the Kyng our Souereign Lord in the office of the Remembrancer of His Majestie of thys his Estchequyer and the same office, wyth all the Rolls, Records, and other mynuments nowe beyng and remaynyng in the same, and that hereafter shalbe comytted to your custodye and perteynyng to the same office; ye shall saufly and surely kepe or doe to be kepte to thuse of our seid Souereygn Lord the Kyng and of hys heyres Kynges of Englond. Ye shall true entre make of all awards and other thyngs to be entred in the seid office, and that with all convenyent spede; ye shall nott take of any person or persons by promyse, guyft, reward, or otherwyse wherby the Kyngs Majestie may lese or be hindered or by whyche the right may bee lett to any manner of person or persons. And all other thyngs belongyng to the Mayster of the seid office to doo ye shall well and truly doo wythout fraude or guyle. So helpe you GOD.

COMMON LAW TAXING OFFICE (IRELAND).

OATH TAKEN BY A TAXING MASTER (1 & 2 Geo. 4. c. 53. s. 47).

I, A.B., do swear that I will diligently tax all bills of costs which shall be submitted to me for that purpose, and which I shall be empowered by law to tax; and that I will tax the same fairly, and without favour, partiality, or malice, and according to the rules and course required by law, to the best of my skill and knowledge. So help me GOD.

COURT OF ADMIRALTY (ENGLAND).

OATH TAKEN BY THE JUDGE, REGISTRAR, AND MARSHAL.

I do swear well and faithfully to execute the office of of the High Court of Admiralty of England, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, so long as I shall continue therein. So help me GOD.

COURT OF ADMIRALTY (IRELAND).

OATH TAKEN BY THE JUDGE AND OFFICERS.

I, A.B., do swear that I will, to the utmost of my understanding, deal uprightly and justly in my office without respect of favour or reward.

So help me GOD.

COURT OF ARCHES.

OATH TAKEN BY THE JUDGE.

I do swear that I will, to the utmost of my understanding, deal uprightly and justly in the office of Official Principal of the Arches Court of Canterbury without respect of favour or reward.

OATH TAKEN BY THE REGISTRAR.

I do swear that I will, to the utmost of my understanding, deal uprightly and justly in the office of Registrar of the Court of Canterbury of the Arches, London, without respect of favour or reward.

COURT OF BANKRUPTCY (ENGLAND).

OATH TAKEN BY A COMMISSIONER (1 & 2 Will. 4. c. 56. s. 8.; 5 & 6 Vict. c. 122. s. 59.)

I, A.B., do swear, that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the several powers and trusts reposed in me as one of the Commissioners of the Court of Bankruptcy, and that without favour or affection, prejudice or malice. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A COUNTY COURT JUDGE ACTING IN BANKRUPTCY (24 & 25 Vict. c. 134. s. 7.)

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that I will duly and faithfully, and to the best of my skill and power, execute the office of County Court Judge acting in Bankruptcy. So help me GOD.

COURT OF BANKRUPTCY (IRELAND.

OATH TAKEN BY A JUDGE (20 & 21 Vict. c. 60. s. 13).

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully, honestly, and impartially execute the several powers and trusts reposed in me as a Judge in Bankruptcy and Insolvency, and that without favour or affection, prejudice or malice.
So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A SHORTHAND WRITER (20 & 21 Vict. c. 60. s. 88).

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully and truly take down the evidence to be given by persons to be examined in the matter of , and will deliver true and faithful transcripts thereof as the Court shall direct.

OATH TAKEN BY A MESSENGER (20 & 21 Vict. c. 60. s. 71).

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly execute the several orders which I shall receive from the Court of Bankruptcy and Insolvency in any matter in which I am or shall hereafter be appointed to act a Messenger; and that I will not knowingly suppress or conceal the truth, or suggest or practise any falsehood in respect to anything relating to any Bankruptcy or Insolvency, or any of the proceedings thereunder.
So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A COMMISSIONER AND SECOND COMMISSIONER OF BANKRUPT (6 & 7 Will. 4. c. 14. s. 4.; 7 Will. 4. & 1 Vict. c. 48. s. 2).

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully, honestly, and impartially, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the several powers and trusts reposed in me as [Second] Commissioner of Bankrupt, and that without favour or affection, prejudice or malice. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A CLERK TO A COMMISSION OF BANKRUPT (6 & 7 Will. 4. c. 14. s. 153).

I, A.B., do swear that during such time as I shall be employed as Clerk or Agent to the Commission, or in anywise concerning the proceedings in a Commission of Bankrupt issued and awarded and now in prosecution against C.D., I will faithfully and honestly, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, write, take down, and transcribe all such depositions and evidences, as well as of the said Bankrupt as of all others who shall be sworn or examined by or before the Commissioner under and by virtue of the said Commission, as I shall by the said Commissioner in the said Commission named be directed to write, take down, or transcribe; and also that I will in like manner during such time safely and faithfully preserve and keep from all kind of defalcation and embezzlement all such depositions, evidences, and proceedings while the

same shall be by the said Commissioner committed to my care; and that I will not knowingly suppress or conceal the truth, or suggest or practise any falsehood in respect to any matter or thing relating to the said Commission or to the proceedings thereunder; and that I will, when required by such Commissioner, deliver up to him, or to such person as he shall appoint, the several depositions and the proceedings and documents in my custody or power relating to the said Commission. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A MESSENGER TO A COMMISSION OF BANKRUPT (6 & 7 Will. 4. c. 14. s. 154).

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the several orders which I shall receive from the Commissioner in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against C.D., and that I will not knowingly suppress or conceal the truth, or suggest or practise any falsehood, in respect to any matter or thing relating to the said Commission, or any of the proceedings thereunder; and that I will not by myself, or any other person in trust for me, have any interest, employment, or concern in the said Commission in any other capacity whatsoever except that of Messenger. So help me GOD.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BAILIFF ON RECEIVING THE BILLS OF INDICTMENT TO BE DELIVERED TO THE GRAND JURY.

I swear I will faithfully deliver the bills to the grand jury in the condition in which I receive them.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BAILIFF ON TAKING CHARGE OF THE JURY ON THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE COURT.

I swear to keep the jury during the adjournment of the Court in some private place, and not to speak to them or suffer any to speak to them touching the trial now pending.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BAILIFF ON TAKING CHARGE OF THE JURY ON THEIR RETIREMENT TO CONSIDER THEIR VERDICT.

I swear that I will keep this jury without meat, drink, or fire (light excepted). I will suffer none to speak to them, neither will I speak to them myself, but only to ask them whether they are agreed on their verdict.
So help me GOD.

FACULTY COURT.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER AND OFFICERS.

I do swear that I will, to the utmost of my understanding, deal uprightly and justly in my office, without respect of favour or reward.

METROPOLITAN (LONDON) POLICE COURTS.

OATH OF A CONSTABLE TAKEN BY THE USHERS, DOORKEEPERS, AND MESSENGERS (2 & 3 Vict. c. 71. s. 5).

I do swear, that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen as a Constable within the Police Court and the precincts thereof, to the best of my skill and knowledge. So help me GOD.

CIVIL BILL COURTS (IRELAND).

(14 & 15 Vict. c. 57. ss. 3 and 11.)

Oath taken by an Assistant Barrister or Recorder.

I, A.B., do swear, that I will execute the office of Assistant Barrister for the County of [or Riding of the County of], and for any other County or Riding to which I may be hereafter appointed, diligently, justly, and impartially, and without favour, affection, or malice do equal right to all the Queen's subjects that shall come within my jurisdiction, and that I will in all things, to the best of my skill and power, faithfully execute all the duties imposed or that shall hereafter be imposed on me in virtue of such office.

So help me God.

Oath taken by a Clerk or Registrar.

I, A.B., Clerk of the Peace [or Deputy], that I have not already, directly or indirectly, taken, and will not, directly or indirectly, take, so long as I shall continue to hold the office of Clerk of the Peace [or Deputy], any greater or other fee or sum or sums of money or other thing, for or on account of any matter or thing done or to be done in any cause to be heard and determined before the Assistant Barrister of this County [or Riding of the County of] by Civil Bill, than is or shall be allowed by law.

SALFORD COURT OF RECORD.

Oath taken by the Judge.

I, A.B., do swear that I will truly and faithfully, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the several powers and duties of Judge of the Court of Record of the hundred of Salford, in the county palatine of Lancaster, without fear, favour, or malice. So help me God.

DIOCESAN ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS (IRELAND).

Oath taken by a Vicar General and a Deputy Vicar General.

(27 & 28 Vict. c. 54. ss. 59 and 60.)

I, A.B., do solemnly swear that I am a member of the United Church of England and Ireland, and that I will faithfully and to the best of my ability execute the office of , within the province of [*or*, diocese of , *or as the case may be*], without fear, favour, affection, or malice. So help me God.

COURTS LEET AND COURTS BARON.*

Oath taken by an Affeeror.

You shall well and truly affeer and assess the several amercements now to you remembered, and therein spare no one through fear, favour, or affection, nor enhance any one through prejudice, hatred, or malice.

So help you God.

Oath taken by a Hayward.

You shall well and truly execute the office of Hayward for this manor, until you be thereof discharged according to due course of law. You shall from time to time present all pound breaches, estrays, waifs, and all other matters and things falling within the duties of your office, justly, and without favour or affection. So help you God.

* See note on p. 22.

Oath of Fealty taken by a Tenant.

You swear to become a true and faithful tenant to A. Z., Esq., lord of this manor, for the estate to which you have made your acknowledgment of tenure at this court. You shall from time to time bear, pay, and perform all such rents, duties, services, and customs in respect of the same estate as are due and of right accustomed. You shall from time to time be ordered and justified in all things at the lord's court, to be holden in and for this manor, as other the tenants of this manor are, shall, or ought to be, and you shall in all things demean yourself as a faithful tenant ought to do. So help you God.

Oath taken by a Bedell or Bailiff.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and the lord of this leet, in the office of Bailiff for the year ensuing, or until you shall be thereof discharged according to the due course of law. You shall duly execute all process to be directed unto you from the steward of this court, and diligently and faithfully collect and account for all rents, profits, and revenues, and in all things demean yourself as a true and faithful bailiff ought to do.

So help you God.

Oath taken by a Constable or Tithingman.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and the Lord of this leet, in the office of Constable for the parish [tithing or hamlet] of , for the term of one whole year next ensuing, or until you be thereof discharged according to due course of law. You shall execute all lawful process sent to you, and by hue and cry or otherwise use your utmost endeavours to apprehend and secure all felons, riotous, disorderly, and idle persons, and others guilty of a violation of the laws of this realm, and shall in all things faithfully and diligently demean yourself in the aforesaid office.

So help you God.

Oath taken by an Aleconner.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and the lord of this leet, in the office of Aleconner or Assizer for the parish [tithing or hamlet] of , for the term of one whole year next ensuing, or until you be thereof discharged according to due course of law. You shall present all offences cognizable by this court which may come to your knowledge, without fear, favour, or affection, and in all things faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the aforesaid office. So help you God.

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS.

Oath taken by Queen's Counsel in England.

Ye shall severally swear that well and truly ye shall serve the Queen as one of her counsel learned in the law, and truly counsel the Queen in her matters when ye shall be called, and duly and truly minister the Queen's matters and sue the Queen's process after the course of the law and after your cunning. Ye shall take no wages nor fee of any man for any matter against the Queen where the Queen is party.* Ye shall duly in convenient time speed such matters as any person shall have to do in the law against the Queen, as ye may lawfully do without long delay, tracting, or tarrying the party of his lawful process in that that to you belongeth. Ye shall be attendant to the Queen's matters when ye be called thereto. As God you help, and by the contents of this Book.

Oath taken by a Queen's Serjeant in England.

Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall serve the Queen and her people, as one of her Serjeants of the Law, and truly counsel the Queen in her

* It is recommended that on altering this and the following oath into declarations the words "unless with the license of Her Majesty" should be inserted after the word "party" in the sixth and fifth lines respectively.

matters when ye shall be called, and duly and truly minister the Queen's matters, after the course of the law to your cunning; ye shall take no wages nor fee of any man for any matter, where the Queen is party,* against the Queen; ye shall as duly and hastily speed such matters as any man shall have to do against the Queen in the law as ye may lawfully do, without delay or tarrying of the party of his lawful process in that that belongeth to you; ye snall be attendant to the Queen's matters when ye shall be called thereto.

As God you help, and by the contents of this Book.

Oath taken by a Publick Notary in England (6 & 7 Vict. c. 90. s. 7).

A.B., do swear that I will faithfully exercise the office of a Publick Notary, I will faithfully make contracts or instruments for or between any party or parties requiring the same, and I will not add or diminish anything without the knowledge or consent of such party or parties, that may alter the substance of the fact; I will not make or attest any act, contract, or instrument in which I shall know there is violence or fraud; and in all things I will act uprightly and justly in the business of a Publick Notary, according to the best of my skill and ability. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Writer to the Signet in Scotland.

I swear to be faithful in the office of a Writer to the Signet, and to obey all the regulations of the Society made or to be made.

MILITARY COURTS-MARTIAL.

Oath taken by a Judge Advocate.

I, , do swear that I will not, upon any account whatsoever, disclose or discover the vote or opinion of any particular member of the court-martial, unless required to give evidence thereof as a witness by a court of justice, or a court-martial, in a due course of law; and that I will not, unless it be necessary for the due discharge of my official duties, disclose the sentence of the court until it shall be duly approved. So help me God.

Second Oath taken by a Member of a Court.†

You shall duly administer justice, according to the rules and articles for the better government of Her Majesty's forces [*or* Royal Marine forces], and according to an Act now in force for the punishment of mutiny and desertion, and other crimes therein mentioned, [*or* an Act now in force for the regulation of the said forces while on shore], without partiality, favour, or affection; and if any doubt shall arise which is not explained by the said articles or Act, according to your conscience, the best of your understanding, and the custom of war in the like cases; and you shall not divulge the sentence of the court until it shall be duly approved; neither shall you, upon any account, at any time whatsoever, disclose or discover the vote or opinion of any particular member of the court-martial, unless required to give evidence thereof as a witness by a court of justice, or a court-martial, in a due course of law.

So help me God.

NAVAL COURTS-MARTIAL.

(29 & 30 Vict. c. 109 ss. 63, 64.)

Oath taken by a Judge Advocate.

I, , do swear, that I will not upon any account, at any time whatsoever, disclose or discover the vote or opinion of any particular member of the court-martial, unless thereunto required in due course of law.

So help me God.

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* See note on previous page.

† The other oath, which it is recommended should be retained as an oath, will be found at p. 23.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Oath taken by a Chairman of Quarter Sessions.

I, do swear that I will execute the office of Chairman of Quarter Sessions for the County of [or Riding of the County of], and for any other County or Riding to which I may be hereafter appointed, diligently, justly, and impartially, and without favour, affection, or malice do equal right to all the Queen's subjects that shall come within my jurisdiction; and that I will in all things, to the best of my skill and power, faithfully execute all the duties imposed, or that shall hereafter be imposed on me in virtue of such office. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Clerk of the Peace (1 Gul. & Mar. c. 21. s. 9).

I, A.B., do swear that I have not nor will pay any sum or sums of money, or other reward whatsoever, nor given any bond or other assurance to pay any money, fee, or profit, directly or indirectly, to any person or persons whomsoever, for such nomination or appointment. So help me God.

Oath taken by a County Treasurer in Ireland (4 Geo. 4. c. 33. s. 14).

I, A.B., do swear that I have not, either directly or indirectly, given or promised to give, nor has any person to my knowledge on my behalf given or promised to give any money, gift, gratuity, or reward to any person or persons whomsoever, to effect or promote my appointment to the office of Treasurer to the county of ; and I do hereby also further swear that this my appointment of Treasurer for the county of is totally unconnected with any arrangement between me and my predecessor in such office, nor has any such arrangement been made by any person or persons on my behalf with my approbation, knowledge, or privity. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Clerk of the Peace in Ireland (1 Geo. 4. c. 27. s. 8).

I, A.B., do swear that I have not nor will pay any sum or sums of money or other reward whatsoever, nor given any bond or other assurance to pay any money, fee, or profit, directly or indirectly, to any person or persons whomsoever, for such nomination or appointment, except so far as I am warranted to do by the provisions of the Act of the forty-ninth of George the Third, to prevent the sale and brokerage of offices, and in conformity to the provisions of the said Act; and that I will not ask, demand, or accept any fee, gratuity, or emolument, for the performance of the duties of my office of Clerk of the Peace, greater or other than the fees which are or shall be annexed by law to the discharge of the duties thereof. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Peace in Ireland,

In respect to the Registry of Freeholds in Counties of Cities or Towns (4 Geo. 4. c. 55. s. 78).

I, A.B., Clerk [*or* Deputy Clerk of the Peace] for the county of do swear, that I will faithfully and honestly, and without favour or affection, perform and discharge the several duties directed to be performed by the Clerks and Deputy Clerks of the Peace, by an Act passed in the third year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the several Acts now in force, so far as the same relate to the Election and Return of Members to serve in Parliament for Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns in Ireland;" and that I will not demand or receive any fee or fees for discharging any of the said duties which I am not entitled to by law. So help me God.

NORWICH CATHEDRAL.

Oath taken by a Justice of the Peace within the precincts of the Cathedral Church.

I do swear that I will rightly, well, and faithfully execute the office of a Justice of the Peace within the precinct of the Cathedral Church of the Holy and undivided Trinity of Norwich, of the foundation of King Edward the Sixth, according to the laws and customs of this realm, and the statutes thereof made, and according to the charter of King James the First, granted to the Dean and Chapter of the said cathedral church, for the appointing of Justices of the Peace within the said precinct.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS (IRELAND).

Oath taken by a Justice of the Peace or Cess Payer acting at Presentment Sessions (3 & 4 Will. 4. c. 78. s. 8).

I, A.B., of , do swear that I will truly, faithfully, and impartially do and perform all such acts, matters, and things as I am authorized to do and perform by and under the provisions of an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An "Act to amend the Laws relating to Grand Juries in Ireland;" and that I will, without favour, affection, hatred, or malice or ill will, diligently inquire into and impartially and indifferently judge and determine, according to the evidence and to the best of my judgment and ability, upon the several applications and other matters which may be brought before me under the authority of the said Act. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Member of the Grand Jury (3 & 4 Will. 4. c. 78. s. 25).

You shall diligently inquire, on behalf of the County [*or* County of City, County of Town, *or* City and County] of and true presentment make of all such matters and things as shall be lawfully given to you in charge, or as shall come before you in anywise relating to the raising of any money upon the said County [*or* County of City, County of Town, *or* City and County] of , or upon any Barony, Half Barony, or Parish therein, or relating to the expenditure of any such money; you shall not present, nor allow, nor disallow any matter or thing through hatred, malice, or ill will, nor through fear, favour, or affection. So help you God.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF DUBLIN. (7 & 8 Vict. c. 106. ss. 2, 72, 100, and scheds. 1, 2, 16.)

Oath taken by a Member of the Grand Jury.

You shall diligently inquire, on behalf of the County of Dublin, and true presentment make, of all such matters and things as shall be lawfully given to you in charge, or as shall come before you in anywise relating to the raising of any money upon the said County of Dublin, or upon any Barony, Half Barony, District, or Parish therein, or relating to the expenditure of any such money; you shall not present, nor allow, nor disallow any matter or thing through hatred, malice, or ill will, nor through fear, favour, affection, nor reward. So help you God.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

Oath taken by a Returning Officer* (2 Geo. 2. c. 24. s. 3).

I, A.B., do solemnly swear that I have not, directly or indirectly, received any sum or sums of money, office, place or employment, gratuity or reward, or

* This oath is not taken by Returning Officers in Scotland. *See* 16 Geo. 2. c. 11. s. 38.

any bond, bill or note, or any promise or gratuity whatsoever, either by myself or any other person to my use or benefit or advantage, for making any return at the present election of members to serve in Parliament; and that I will return such person or persons as shall to the best of my judgment appear to me to have the majority of legal votes.

Oath taken by a Commissioner appointed to administer Oaths, &c. to Voters (42 Geo. 3. c. 62. s. 1).

I do swear that I will faithfully and impartially administer the oaths, and take the declarations and affirmations now required by law to be taken or made by voters at elections for Members to serve in Parliament, to and from such persons as shall lawfully apply to me in that behalf, in order to qualify themselves to vote at this election; and that I will, on being thereunto requested, fairly and truly give to every such person, or any of them, who shall take such oaths, or make such declarations or affirmations respectively, or any of them, before me, a certificate thereof, and that I will not give such certificate to any person before he shall have taken such oath or oaths, or made such declaration, or declarations, affirmation or affirmations respectively, as shall be mentioned in such certificate before me and in my presence.

Oath taken by a Poll Clerk at a County Election (7 & 8 Will. 3. c. 5. s. 3).

I do swear that I will, at this election of a Member [*or* Members] to serve in Parliament for the County of , truly and indifferently take the poll and set down the name of each voter, and the nature and description of his qualification, and for whom he shall poll; and to poll no voter who is not sworn or put to his affirmation if legally required.

The same oath, with suitable alterations, is taken by a Poll Clerk at a Borough Election (*see* 2 Will. 4. c. 45. s. 73).

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS FOR BOROUGHS, IRELAND. (4 Geo. 4. c. 55. ss. 37, 38, 39, 43.)

Oath taken by a Returning Officer.

I, A.B., do swear that I will honestly, impartially, and without favour to any candidate take the poll at this election; and that I have not, directly or indirectly, received, nor will I hereafter directly or indirectly receive any money, gift, reward, promise, contract, or security for money or other reward, for or in respect of the conduct which I shall observe during the ensuing poll, or the return which I shall make at the close thereof, excepting the expenses of erecting booths, hiring buildings, keeping them in repair, and the payment of clerks and deputies, and counsel for my assistance; and that I will return such person or persons as shall appear to the best of my judgment, at the close of the poll, to have the majority of legal votes.

Oath taken a Deputy Returning Officer.

I, A.B., do swear that I will honestly, impartially, and without favour to any candidate take the poll at this election; and that I have not, directly or indirectly, received, nor will I hereafter directly or indirectly receive any money, gift, reward, promise, contract, or security for money or other reward, for or in respect of the conduct I shall observe during the ensuing poll; and that I will make a fair and true return of all such persons as shall tender their votes before me to be by me taken to the Returning Officer or Officers by whom I am appointed, whenever and as often as I shall be thereunto required by him or them.

Oath taken by the Poll Clerk for Freeholders.

I, A.B., do swear that I will at this election of a Member [*or* Members, *as the case may be*,] to serve in Parliament for the County of the City [*or* the County

of the Town, *as the case may be,*] of truly and indifferently take the poll, and set down the number opposite to the name of each freeholder in the Registry Book, his name and the place of his abode, and the situation and the value of his freehold, and for whom he shall poll.

Oath taken by the Poll Clerk for Freemen.

I, A.B., do swear that I will at this election of a Member [*or* Members, *as the case may be,*] to serve in Parliament for the County of the City [*or* the County of the Town, *as the case may be,*] of truly and indifferently take the poll and set down the name and the place of abode of each freeman, and for whom he shall poll.

Oath taken by the Revising Barrister for the City of Dublin (20 & 21 Vict. c. 68. s. 4).

I, A.B., do swear that I will execute the office of Revising Barrister for the City of Dublin diligently, justly, and impartially, and without favour, affection, or malice do equal right to all the Queen's subjects that shall come within my jurisdiction; and that I will in all things, to the best of my skill and power, faithfully execute all the duties imposed, or that shall hereafter be imposed, on me in virtue of such office. So help me God.

CONSTABULARY FORCE (ENGLAND).

Oath taken by a County or District Constable (3 & 4 Vict. c. 88. s. 16).

I, A.B., do swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of Local Constable for the Parish [*or* Township, &c.] of for the year ensuing, or until another shall be sworn in my stead, according to the best of my skill and knowledge. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Parish Constable (5 & 6 Vict. c. 109. s. 12).

I, A.B., of C., do swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of Constable for the Parish of D. [*or* Parishes of D., E., &c.] for the year now next following, or until another Constable shall be sworn in my stead, according to the best of my skill and knowledge.
So help me God.

Oath taken by a Constable appointed to act upon and along a Canal or Navigable River (3 & 4 Vict. c. 50. s. 1).

I, A.B., having been appointed a Constable to act upon and along the [*name the canal or navigable river*], under the provisions of "An Act to pro-"vide for keeping the Peace on Canals and Navigable Rivers," do swear, that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the said office of Constable, without favour or affection, malice, or ill-will; and that I will to the best of my power cause the peace to be kept, and prevent all offences against the peace; and that while I continue to hold the said office, I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, discharge the duties thereof faithfully according to law. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Special Constable (1 & 2 Will. 4. c. 41. s. 1).

I, A.B., do swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of Special Constable for the Parish [*or* Township] of , without favour or affection, malice, or ill-will; and that I will, to the best of my power, cause the peace to be kept and preserved, and prevent all offences against the persons and properties of Her Majesty's subjects; and

that while I continue to hold the said office, I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, discharge all the duties thereof faithfully according to law.
So help me GOD.

(The same Oath prescribed for Special Constable in Ireland by 2 & 3 Will. 4. c. 108. s. 1).

CONSTABULARY FORCE (IRELAND).

OATH TAKEN BY EVERY CONSTABLE AND OFFICER OF THE FORCE (6 & 7 Will. 4. c. 13. s. 17)*.

I, A.B., do swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of
without favour or affection, malice or ill-will; that I will see and cause Her Majesty's peace to be kept and preserved, and that I will prevent to the best of my power all offences against the same; and that while I shall continue to hold the said office I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, discharge all the duties thereof, in the execution of warrants and otherwise, faithfully according to law; and that I do not now belong, and that I will not while I shall hold the said office, join, subscribe, or belong to any political society whatsoever, or to any secret society whatsoever, except to the society of Freemasons. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY EVERY PERSON APPOINTED UNDER THE DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE ACT (6 & 7 Will. 4. c. 29. s. 44).

I, A.B., do swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of
without favour or affection, malice or ill-will; that I will see and cause Her Majesty's peace to be kept and preserved; and that I will prevent, to the best of my power, all offences against the same; that while I shall continue to hold the said office I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, discharge all the duties thereof faithfully according to law; and that I do not now belong to, and that while I shall hold the said office I will not join or belong to any political society whatsoever, or any secret society whatsoever, unless the society of Freemasons. So help me GOD.

FURTHER OATH TAKEN BY A COMMISSIONER APPOINTED UNDER THE ACT (s. 2.)†

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute all the powers and duties of a Justice of the Peace under and by virtue of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for improving the "Police in the District of Dublin Metropolis."

OATH TAKEN BY A SPECIAL CONSTABLE (2 & 3 Will. 4. c. 108. s. 1).

I, A.B., do swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of Special Constable for the Parish [*or* Townland *or* District] of , without favour or affection, malice or ill-will; and that I will to the best of my power cause the peace to be kept and preserved, and prevent all offences against the persons and properties of Her Majesty's subjects; and that while I continue to hold the said office I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, discharge all the duties thereof faithfully according to law. So help me GOD.

* By every "Resident Magistrate" appointed under the Act this oath is taken in addition to the ordinary oath of a Justice of the Peace (which is given at p. 102) and, probably, the oath of allegiance.

† The Commissioners are also required to take the ordinary oath of a Justice of the Peace (which is given at p. 102) as well as the oath of allegiance; so that it would appear that if the terms of the Act were strictly interpreted, a Commissioner would have to take three oaths of office, as well as the oath of allegiance.

CONSTABULARY FORCE (SCOTLAND).

OATH TAKEN BY A COUNTY CONSTABLE (20 & 21 Vict. c. 72. s. 11).

I hereby swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Constable.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS (IRELAND).

OATH TAKEN BY TOWN COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED UNDER 9 Geo. 4. c. 82.

I, A. B., do swear that I am duly qualified to act as a Commissioner under an Act made in the ninth year of the reign of King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act to make provision for the lighting, cleansing, and watching "of cities, towns corporate, and market towns in Ireland, in certain cases," and that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly execute the powers and trusts reposed in me as a Commissioner appointed by virtue of the said Act, to the best of my knowledge and ability, for the purposes in the said Act mentioned.

So help me GOD.

PAROCHIAL OFFICERS.

OATH TAKEN BY A PARISH CLERK IN THE GLOUCESTER DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE OF GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

He is sworn "faithfully to execute the duties of his office."

OATH TAKEN BY A PARISH CLERK IN THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH.

I, A. B., now to be admitted into the office of Parish Clerk of in the diocese of Peterborough, do swear that I will well and faithfully execute the office of Parish Clerk according to the best of my skill and ability.

OATH TAKEN BY A PARISH CLERK IN THE DIOCESE OF RIPON.

I, A. B., do swear that I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, exercise the office of Parish Clerk of the parish of and that I will, in all lawful matters and things, obey the minister of the same parish.

So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES IN THE PARISH OF ST. MARYLEBONE (35 Geo. 3. c. 73. s. 105).

I, A. B., do swear, that during the time of my continuance in the office whereunto I am now appointed, I will diligently, from time to time, inspect the balances, weights, and measures in the several houses, shops, brewhouses, and warehouses in this parish; and that I will not present any person or thing through hatred or malice, nor leave the same unpresented, through love, favour, affection, reward, or hope thereof. So help me GOD.

ORDER OF THE GARTER.

OATH TAKEN BY A KNIGHT AT HIS INSTALLATION.*

You being chosen to be one of the Honourable Company of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, shall promise and swear, by the Holy Evangelists, by you here touched, that wittingly or willingly you shall not break any Statute of the said Order, or any article in them contained (excepting such from which

* As the installations have for the last 50 years been dispensed with by the Sovereign's especial letters, under the seal of the Order, in each case, no oath is in fact taken by the knights.

you shall have received a dispensation from the Sovereign), the same being agreeable and not repugnant to the laws of Almighty God, and the laws of this realm, as far forth as to you belongeth and appertaineth.

So God help you, and His Holy Word.

Oath taken by the Prelate, the Chancellor, and the Registrar.

Jurabis quod sicubi sufficienter fueris præmonitus, ipsemet Conciliis celebrandis intereris: quod nullo duceris affectu, favore, vel odio, sed nec timore; quo minus in rebus omnibus quas tibi Supremus injunget, quod vere habet, sinceriter enarres.

Quod quoties præsens aderis, nominationes Equitum creandorum, veraciter accipies; et accepta, Supremo præsentabis.

Jurabis itaque, quod cum ad Concilium voceris, et a secretis ibi fueris, bene fidelis ac taciturnus eris, nec ulla perflues, si quid secrete tenendum audias.

Quodque servabis ac sustentabis honores hujus Ordinis, atque omnium qui in eo sunt, et si datum fuerit ut possis, pro viribus augmentabis.

Si vero quid excogitatum aut intentatum contra fuerit, si qua resciscere potueris aut intelligere, pro viribus obstabis, et revelatum, ubi oporteat, e vestigio curabis, ut suppetiæ quantocius ferantur.

Oath taken by the Garter King of Arms.

Jurabis quod obedies Supremo imprimis, deinde cæteris hujus eminentissimi Ordinis Equitibus, et officia in eo gerentibus, in hiis præsertim rebus quæ ad te spectabunt, nec rationi pugnabunt.

Et quoniam ad Concilium admissus tanquam a secretis eris, jurabis quod fidelis ac taciturnus eris, nihil illinc effutiens.

Quod omnia, fidei tuæ curæque credita, et quæcunque mandata atque internuntia, bene ac fideliter exequeris et perimplebis.

Denique jurabis in summa quod officium tuum fideliter exercebis, in omnibus quæ tua intererunt, sicut et tu Dei et sancti hujus Evangelii sperabis auxilium.

Oath taken by the Usher of the Black Rod.

You being chosen and named by the King's Majesty to be Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, shall promise and swear by the Holy Evangelists, by you bodily touched, truly and faithfully to observe and keep all the points of the statutes of the said Order, and every article in them contained, as to you belongeth and appertaineth, as God help you and this Holy Evangelist.

ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE.

Oath taken by a Knight.

I will honour God above all things: I will be stedfast in the faith of Christ: I will love and reverence the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, †[the Sovereign Protector of the said United States of the Ionian Islands,] and Sovereign of the Island of Malta and its dependencies; and I will defend her rights to the best of my power.

Oath taken by the Prelate, the Secretary and Registrar, the King of Arms, and the Officers of Arms.

I will yield obedience to the Sovereign, and also to the Grand Master of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, in such things as appertain to the Order. I will not disclose the secrets of the Order; and I will be diligent and faithful in the execution of my office.

† These words are now omitted.

ORDER OF THE THISTLE.

Oath taken by the Secretary.

I shall bear faith and true allegiance to my Sovereign Lady, the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Sovereign of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle.

I shall faithfully perform the duty of Secretary to the said most ancient and most noble Order, and will never reveal the secrets of the same.

I will be true and faithful to the knights brethren of the said Order.

I will to the utmost of my power maintain the honour, rights, and privileges of the said most ancient and most noble Order. So help me God.

Oath taken by the Usher of the Green Rod.

1st. I shall bear faithful and true allegiance to my Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, Sovereign of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle.

2nd. I shall faithfully perform the duty of Usher to the said most ancient and most noble Order, and will never reveal the secrets of the same.

3rd. I will be true and faithful to the knights brethren of the said Order.

4th. I will to the utmost of my power maintain the honour, rights, and privileges of the said most ancient and most noble Order.

So help me God.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

Oath taken by the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor.

Ego, A. B., electus in Universitatis Dubliniensis juro me fideliter exerciturum munus mihi demandatum juxta statuta hujus Universitatis et Collegii. Ita me Deus adjuvet, et Sacrosancta ejus Evangelia.

Oath taken by Electors of Fellows and Scholars.

Ego, G. C., Deum testor in conscientiâ meâ statuta nuper lecta fideliter, et integre observaturum, et illum vel illos in Socium, vel socios, aut Scholarem discipulum, sive Scholares discipulos nominaturum, et electurum, quem, vel quos statuta nuper lecta significare, et apertius describere mea conscientia judicabit, omni illegitimâ affectione, odio, amore, et similibus sepositis.

Oath taken by the Electors of Professors.

I, , do swear that I will to the best of my judgment and opinion, and without favour, partiality, or prejudice, vote for such candidate for the vacant Professorship as shall appear to me to be the best qualified for the same.

So help me God.

Oath taken by a Professor.

I, , do swear that I will diligently, and to the best of my ski and judgment, perform the several duties of the Professorship to which I have this day been elected. So help me God

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.

Oath taken by the Principal and Professors.

Ego, in Academiâ Glasguensi , sancte polliceor me, favente Dei gratiâ, in munere meo obeundo studiose fideliterque versaturum, ejusque Academiæ commoda et ornamenta quâcunque licet honestâ ratione pro virili procuraturum.

BALLAST OFFICE, DUBLIN.

Oath taken by a Member of the Corporation.

I, A.B., do solemnly promise and swear that I will faithfully and impartially, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the several powers and trusts committed to me in and by an Act of Parliament now in force in this kingdom, entitled "An Act for promoting the Trade of Dublin, by rendering "its Port and Harbour more commodious," without favour or affection, prejudice or malice; and I do also solemnly swear that I have not entered, and that during my being a member of the Corporation appointed by the said Act will not enter into any contract, directly or indirectly, for executing the purposes of the said Act, or any of them, or for supplying any materials for carrying on or executing the same, nor will I engage in any security for any person or persons holding or who shall hold any office by virtue of the said Act, or for any person or persons entering into or who shall enter into any contract relating to the execution of any part of the said Act. So help me God.

Oath to be taken by an Officer.*

I, A.B., do solemnly promise and swear [or, being a Quaker, do solemnly affirm], that I will faithfully, diligently, and impartially, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, perform and execute the several offices, duties, powers, matters, and trusts committed to me by the Corporation for preserving and improving the port of Dublin, without favour or affection, prejudice or malice. So help me God.

EAST INDIA COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Director.

(16 & 17 Vict. c. 95.; 21 & 22 Vict. c. 106.)

I, A.B., do swear that I will be faithful to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and will to the best of my ability perform the duty assigned to me as a Director of the East India Company.

SOCIETY OF CINQUE PORT PILOTS.

Oath taken by the Master or a Warden.

(6 Geo. 4. c. 125. s. 17, and sched. B.)

I, A.B., do swear that I will diligently and impartially examine and enquire into the capacity and skill of in the art of piloting ships and vessels over the flats and round the Longsand Head, and up the rivers of Thames and Medway, and into Ramsgate, Dover, Sandwich, and Margate Harbours, and also upon the coasts of Flanders and Holland; and will make true and speedy return thereof to the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports for the time being, or his deputy, without favour, affection, fee, or reward.

So help you God.

* The secretary to the Ballast Office Board states that "it has not been the practice "of the officers of the department to take or subscribe" this oath.

Oath taken by a Sub-Commissioner for Pilotage.

(6 Geo. 4. c. 125. s. 5, and sched. C.)

I, A. B., do swear that I will diligently and impartially examine into the capacity and skill of in the art of piloting ships and vessels into the roadstead, port, or harbour, and upon the coast following, videlicet [*here describe the limits within which the person examined is intended to act as a pilot*], and will make true and speedy return thereof to the Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strond, without favour, affection, fee, or reward, other than such fee or reward as is allowed by the byelaws or regulations duly established in that behalf. So help you God.

OATHS AND DECLARATIONS ATTESTING MATTERS OF FACT OR VERIFYING ACCOUNTS OR STATEMENTS.

It has been thought unnecessary to compile a list of the declarations, very many in number, attesting matters of fact or verifying accounts or statements, which are made in public departments and elsewhere in the course of ordinary business, or which are prescribed by statute to be taken under certain circumstances by specified persons. They all begin with some such form as "I declare that," or "I solemnly declare "that," or "I solemnly and sincerely declare that;" and this is followed by a statement of the fact or facts as to which the declaration is made, the words, "and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously "believing the same to be true," being in many cases added at the end. A form beginning with "I do solemnly and "sincerely declare that," and ending with the words just quoted, is the one most frequently used in public departments; and it was this form which, under the provisions of 5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 62, was substituted by the Lords of the Treasury after the passing of that Act for many forms of oaths then in use in certain public offices.

A list of the numerous declarations which are required to be made in the War Office is to be found at p. 12 of a *Return to the House of Commons* of Oaths, &c. for England and Wales (No. 266, 1865), and a list of those required to be made in the Customs at p. 39 of the same Return. In other departments also, such as the Inland Revenue and the Board of Trade, very many declarations are in use.

In some few cases oaths of attestation and verification are still required to be taken in the course of business in several public departments; but as an oath is probably retained in each of these cases for some exceptional reason connected with the occasion of the declaration which renders it advisable, in the opinion of those in authority, that an oath and not a declaration should be administered, it was not thought well to deal with oaths so administered; and accordingly no list of them has been compiled.

The following is a list (from which the oaths just referred to are excluded) of oaths attesting matters of fact, or verifying accounts or statements, which are still required to be taken, *for which it is recommended that declarations should be substituted.* The full text of the oath is given in each case in which the form contains more than a simple assertion of the purport of the oath.

I. Oaths attesting Matters of Fact.*

(1.) *As to the possession of the prescribed qualification.*

Trustees of Turnpike Roads in Scotland (1 & 2 Will. 4. c. 43. s. 3).
Commissioners of Sewers (3 & 4 Will. 4. c. 22. s. 3).
Justices of the Peace in Counties (18 Geo. 2. c. 20. s. 1).
Commissioners of Land Tax (38 Geo. 3. c. 48. s. 1).
Persons becoming Bail in Ireland (57 Geo. 3. c. 56. s. 2).
Trustees of Turnpike Roads in England (3 Geo. 4. c. 126. s. 12).
Commissioners for Compositions of Tithes in Ireland (4 Geo. 4. c. 99. s. 14).
Electors at Election of County Coroner in England (7 & 8 Vict. c. 92. s. 13).
Electors at Election of Coroner in Ireland (9 & 10 Vict. c. 13. s. 10. and Sched. A).
Candidate for Coronership in Ireland (9 & 10 Vict. c. 13. s. 13. and Sched. B).
Governor, Deputy Governor, and Directors of Bank of England.
Governor, Deputy Governor, Directors, and Proprietors of Bank of Ireland.

(2.) *As to identity.*

Electors at Municipal Elections in Scotch Royal Burghs (3 & 4 Will. 4. c. 7. s. 8. and Sched. D).
Electors at Municipal Elections in certain other Scotch Burghs (3 & 4 Will. 4. c. 77. s. 4. and Sched. A).
Voters at Parliamentary Elections in England (6 & 7 Vict. c. 18. s. 31).
Voters at Parliamentary Elections in Ireland (13 & 14 Vict. c. 69. s. 88).

II. Oaths verifying Accounts or Statements.

Clerk of the Peace and others on making Returns of Estreats into the Court of Exchequer (England) (4 & 5 Will. & Mar. c. 24. s. 5.)

> You shall swear that these Estreats now by you delivered are truly and carefully made up and examined, and that all fines, issues, amerciaments, recognizances, and forfeitures, which were set, lost, imposed, or forfeited, and in right and due course of law ought to be estreated into the Court of Exchequer, are, to the best of you knowledge and understanding, therein contained; and that in the same estreats are also contained and expressed all such fines as have been paid into the Court, from which the said estreats are made, without any wilful or fraudulent discharge, omission, misnomer, or defect whatever.

Clerk returning Estreats in the Court of Exchequer (Ireland) (57 Geo. 3. c. 56. s. 7.)

> I, A.B., do swear that these Estreats now by me delivered are truly and carefully made up and examined, and that all fines, issues, and amerciaments, recognizances and forfeitures, which were set, lost, imposed, or forfeited, and in right and due course of law ought to be estreated into the Court of Exchequer, are, to the best of my knowledge, understanding, and belief, therein contained; and that in the same estreats are also contained and expressed all such fines as have been paid into the Court from which the said estreats have been made, without any fraudulent or wilful discharge, omission, misnomer, or defect whatsoever; and that in these estreats now by me delivered the names and additions of the several persons respectively mentioned therein, together with their respective places of residence, and the parishes, baronies, half

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* Under this heading might be given oaths such as the under-mentioned; but inasmuch as the whole subject with which they are connected is under the consideration of Parliament, they are omitted.

Oaths as to non-receipt of bribes taken by—

County Voters in Scotland (2 & 3 Will. 4. c. 65. Sched. K).

Electors at Municipal Elections in Scotch Royal Burghs (3 & 4 Will. 4. c. 76. s. 8 and Sched. E).

Electors at Municipal Elections in certain other Scotch Burghs (3 & 4 Will. 4. c. 77. s. 4 and Sched. B).

baronies, and counties, and town and city, and street therein, in which such places of residence are respectively situated, are truly and faithfully set forth according to the best of my knowledge, understanding, and belief. So help me GOD.

A similar Oath, with suitable alterations, is prescribed by s. 8. to be taken by Clerks who cannot deliver the estreats into the Exchequer in person.

Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks on delivering Roll of Fines, &c. to the Sheriff for execution (3 Geo. 4. c. 46. s. 3).

I make oath, that this Roll is truly and carefully made up and examined, and that all fines, issues, amerciaments, recognizances, and forfeitures. which were set, lost, imposed, or forfeited, and in right and due course of law ought to be levied and paid, are, to the best of my knowledge and understanding, inserted in the said roll, and that in the said roll are also contained and expressed all such fines as have been paid to or received by me, either in Court or otherwise, without any wilful or fraudulent discharge, omission, misnomer, or defect whatever. So help me GOD.

High Constable or Collector of Grand Jury Cess on making out list of Persons who have paid County Cess Charges (4 Geo. 4. c. 99. Sched. A).

Clerks to Meetings of Lieutenancy on sending to Secretary at War his account for business done in relation to Volunteers or Yeomanry (7 Geo. 4. c. 58. Table B).

I, , (Clerk of General or Subdivision Meetings of Lieutenancy for the), do hereby solemnly certify and swear, That the preceding is a just and true Account of Business performed by me, for and in behalf of the Public Service, according to the manner therein set forth; and that the Sums claimed as disbursed by me were well and truly paid out. And this is truth. So help me GOD.

Person employed to serve Notices on Proprietors of Land which is proposed to be taken for the purpose of improving, &c. Turnpike Roads. (3 Geo. 4. c. 126. s. 152.)

Person employed to give notice to Occupiers of Land before the construction of Turnpike Roads on furnishing a list of their answers (1 & 2 Will. 4. c. 43. s. 30).

Clerks of Unions in Ireland on making out List of Persons rated to the Relief of the Poor (13 & 14 Vict. c. 69. Sched. A. No. 15. & B. No. 6).

Clerks of Assize on sending Roll of Fines, &c. to the Sheriff (22 & 23 Vict. c. 21. s. 33.)

I, , make oath that this roll is truly and carefully made up and examined, and that all fines, issues, amerciaments, penalties, and recognizancies which in right and due course of law ought to be levied and paid are, to the best of my knowledge and understanding, inserted in the said roll, and that in the said roll are also contained and expressed all such fines, issues, amerciaments, penalties, and recognizances as have been paid to or received by me, without any wilful or fraudulent discharge, omission, misnomer, or defect whatever. So help me GOD.

Officers of Court of Chancery on paying fees, &c. into Court.

V.—Oaths and Declarations for which Shorter Forms of Declaration should be substituted.

HER MAJESTY'S HOUSEHOLD.

DEPARTMENT OF THE LORD STEWARD.*

Oath taken by the Treasurer, the Comptroller, the Master of the Household, and the Master of the Horse.

Proposed Declaration.

You shall swear by the faith you owe unto God, and by the Holy Evangelists, to be a true servant to our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and you shall take her part as touching your allegiance against all others.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will truly and faithfully serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of

You shall nothing know that shall be hurtful or prejudicial to her person or her estate royal, but in case you should know any such things you shall do your endeavours to hinder them, or else in as short a time as conveniently you may give notice thereof to the Queen.

You shall truly serve our said Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office you are called unto, vizt. So help you God and the contents of that book.

Oaths taken by the Officers and Servants of the Household.

I.

Proposed Declaration.

You shall swear that you have not directly or indirectly given, promised, or agreed to give any gratuity, reward, sum or sums of money, nor that any other person or persons by your consent or procurement, or for your use hath given or agreed to give any gratuity, reward, sum or sums of money, by means or reason whereof you have obtained this office or place.

So help you God and the contents of that book.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have not, directly or indirectly, given, promised, or agreed to give any gratuity, reward, sum or sums of money, and that no other person by my consent or procurement, or for my use hath given or agreed to give any gratuity, reward, sum or sums of money, by means or reason whereof I have obtained this office or place.

II.

Proposed Declaration.

You shall swear by the faith you owe unto God, and by the Holy Evangelists, to be a faithful and true servant to our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and shall take her part as touching your allegiance against all others.

You shall nothing know that shall be hurtful or prejudicial to her person or her estate royal, but in case you shall know any such things you shall do your endeavours to hinder them, or else

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that if anything hurtful or prejudicial to Her Majesty's person or estate royal shall come to my knowledge I will do my endeavours to hinder the same, or else in as short a time as conveniently may be will give notice thereof to the Lord Steward or

* No oath is now required to be taken by the Lord Steward, the oath once prescribed having been discontinued since the abolition of the Marshalsea Court, of which the Lord Steward was chief.

in as short a time as conveniently you may give notice thereof to the Lord Steward, or some of Her Majesty's Privy Council.

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You shall truly serve our said Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office you called into, vizt.

And you shall diligently and truly exercise and attend the said office and service as to it appertaineth.

And you shall obey the Lord Steward, the Treasurer, and the Comptroller, and all such officers that be in the Queen's household who have power to command and charge you by virtue of their offices, and all such as have charge and be deputed above you in their offices.

And you shall obey and observe all such rules, ordinances, and directions as may be made to the Queen's honor and profit within your said office to your power.

You shall not depart out of Her Majesty's service without reasonable warning, nor out of the court for any long time without licence of the officers of the same. So help you GOD and the contents of that book.

OATH TAKEN BY A PURVEYOR.*

Same as No. I. taken by the Officers and Servants, which is given on p. 80, and for which it is recommended that a declaration should be substituted.

DEPARTMENT OF THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN.

OATH TAKEN BY THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN AND THE VICE-CHAMBERLAIN.

You shall swear by the Holy Evangelists, and the contents of that book to be a true servant unto our Sovereign Lady Victoria, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen. You shall know nothing that may be in anywise hurtful or prejudicial to Her Majesty's Royal Person, State, Crown, or Dignity, but you shall hinder it all in your power, and reveal the same to Her Majesty. You shall serve the Queen truly and faithfully in the place of Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household [*or* Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household. You shall be obedient to the Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household.] So help you GOD.

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen truly and faithfully in the office of Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household (or Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household. I will be obedient to the Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household).

OATH TAKEN BY OFFICERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD AND TRADESMEN.

You shall swear by the Holy Evangelists and the contents of that book to be a true servant unto our Sovereign Lady Victoria, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen. You shall know nothing that may be in any wise hurtful or prejudicial to Her Majesty's Royal Person, State, Crown, or Dignity, but you shall hinder it all in your power, and reveal the same to Her Majesty's Lord Chamberlain or one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council. [*Also, in the cases of certain officers.* You shall serve the Queen truly and faithfully in the place, (*or*, place and quality of) . You shall be obedient to the Lord Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household.] So help you GOD.

Proposed Declaration.

Same as declaration No. 2, recommended for officers and servants in the Lord Steward's Department.

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* A second oath taken by Purveyors, which it is recommended should be abolished, will be found at p. 1.

THE HONOURABLE CORPS OF GENTLEMEN-AT-ARMS.

Oath taken by the Captain.

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will serve the Queen truly and faithfully in the place of Captain of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms.

You shall swear by the Holy Evangelists and the contents of that book to be a true servant unto our Sovereign Lady Victoria, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen. You shall know nothing that may be in any wise hurtful or prejudicial to Her Majesty's Royal Person, State, Crown, or Dignity, but you shall hinder it all in your power, and reveal the same to Her Majesty's Lord Chamberlain or one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council. You shall serve the Queen truly and faithfully in the place of Captain of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms.

So help you God.

Oath taken by an Officer.

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will serve the Queen faithfully as an officer of Her Majesty's Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms.

You shall swear to be a true and faithful subject and servant unto our Sovereign Lady Victoria I., by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., and on earth Supreme Head of the Churches of Great Britain and Ireland. You shall truly and diligently give your attendance in the room of , late lieutenant of Her Majesty's Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms. You shall be retained to no person or persons of any degree or condition by oath, livery, badge, promise or otherwise, but only to the Queen's Majesty, without her special license; and you shall not hereafter hear or know of anything that shall be hurtful or prejudicial to her most royal person, or to her heirs (especially in treason), but you shall withstand it to the utmost of your power, and the same with all diligence to you possible reveal and disclose to the Queen's Majesty, or to your captain for the time being, or in his absence to some of Her Majesty's Privy Council, or for want of them to such others as you shall know will discover the same to Her Majesty. You shall continually be furnished with double horses and men, and provide that yourself and your men may be also well furnished with harness to serve Her Majesty in time of need, or otherwise for Her Majesty's pleasure when commanded thereto by Her Majesty. You shall also truly and diligently to your power observe and keep from this day forward all and every such reasonable articles, rules, and ordinances as shall be devised by the Queen's Majesty and set forth and signed with Her Majesty's hand for your better usage and order. And all such cases by the way of secrecy and counsel shall be showed unto you by the Queen's Majesty or the captain you shall keep secret, without discovering the same to any person or persons unless you shall be thereunto commanded. Also you shall, when commanded thereto by Her Majesty, make your musters in such harness and other habiliments of war and upon such horses as shall be your own proper goods, and no other man's. And this you shall well and truly observe and keep, and serve the Queen's Majesty in the said room of , late of Her Majesty's Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms.

So help you God and the holy contents of this book.

Oath taken by a Gentleman-at-Arms.

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will serve the Queen faithfully as one of Her Gentlemen-at-Arms in ordinary.

You shall swear to be a true and faithful subject and servant of our Sovereign Lady Victoria I., by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., and on earth Supreme Head of the Churches of Great Britain and Ireland. You shall truly and diligently give your attendance

in the room of , late one of Her Majesty's Gentlemen-at-Arms in ordinary. You shall be retained to no person or persons of any degree or condition by oath, livery, badge, promise, or otherwise, but only to the Queen's Majesty, without her special license; and you shall not hereafter hear or know of anything that shall be hurtful or prejudicial to her most royal person, or to her heirs (especially in treason), but you shall withstand it to the utmost in your power, and the same with all diligence to you possible reveal and disclose to the Queen's Majesty, or to your captain for the time being, or in his absence to some of Her Majesty's Privy Council, or for want of them to the lieutenant or other officers of the Gentlemen-at-Arms, or to such as you shall know will discover the same to Her Majesty. You shall keep continually three double horses and two men, and provide that yourself and two servants may be also well furnished with harness to serve Her Majesty in time of need, or otherwise for Her Majesty's pleasure, at the command or appointment of your said captain, his lieutenant, standard bearer, &c., when commanded so to do by Her Majesty. You shall also truly and diligently to your power observe and keep from this day forward all and every such articles, rules, and ordinances as now at this present day be devised and set forth for your better usage and order, as well as all other articles, rules, and ordinances that shall be hereafter set forth or devised, or by Her Majesty commanded. You shall be obedient to your captain, his lieutenant, standard bearer, &c., and their commandments you shall observe and keep at all time, so far as the same concern the service of he Queen's Majesty. And all such causes as by way of secrecy and counsel shall be shewed unto you by the Queen's Majesty, the captain, or other officers you shall keep secret without discovering the same to any person or persons till you shall be thereunto commanded. You shall diligently give your attendance upon the Queen's Majesty, and in such wise as you shall be commanded and appointed by the said captain, his lieutenant, standard bearer, &c., and not be absent or depart from the court without the license of the Queen's Majesty, the captain, or other officers in his absence.

When commanded by Her Majesty you shall also make your musters in such harness and other habiliments of war and upon such horses as shall be your own proper goods, and no other man's. Also you shall not muster at any time hereafter before the Queen's Majesty, the captain, or other officers with any man's servants in lieu of such servants as you be charged to keep, but only with such as shall be retained by yourself to serve the Queen's Majesty for the same intent and purpose. And this you shall well and truly observe and keep, and serve the Queen's Majesty in the room of , late one of her Gentlemen-at-Arms in ordinary.

So help me God and the holy contents of this book.

HER MAJESTY'S BODY GUARD OF YEOMEN OF THE GUARD.

Oath taken by the Captain.

The same, *mutatis mutandis*, as that taken by the Captain of the Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms. *The proposed declaration to follow that proposed for the Captain of the Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms.*

Oath taken by an Officer.

A.B., you shall swear to serve Her most Sacred Majesty Victoria, by the grace of God Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Her Heirs and Successors lawful and rightful, Queen of this realm, both faithfully and truly in the office you are now called unto, that is, to be of Her Majesty's Body Guard of Yeomen of the Guard, and in all things touching Her honour and safety. You shall neither yourself do or procure nor give consent to be done by any other any manner of thing that shall or

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will truly and faithfully serve the Queen in the office I am now called unto, that is to be of Her Majesty's Body Guard of Yeomen of the Guard, and in all things touching Her honour and safety. I will keep the Queen's peace in my own

may be prejudicial or hurtful to Her Majesty's Person, Crown, or Dignity, or to any of the Royal Family; but if you shall hear of or by any means understand any such or that any manner of bodily hurt, dishonour, or prejudice may be in agitation, contriving, or likely to happen, you shall do as much as in you lyeth to prevent the same, and besides to discover it with all speed to Her Majesty or your Captain, or to such of Her Majesty's Counsel or other officers as you can or may come next unto, and by all ways and means possible cause the same to be made known. You shall swear to be obedient to Her Majesty's Lord Chamberlain and all other your superior officers in all things concerning your office in Her Majesty's service. You shall not depart from the Court above twenty miles without the licence of your Captain of the Guard or the Adjutant or Clerk of the Cheque. You shall keep the Queen's peace in your own person both in the Court and in all places as much as in you lyeth, and shall cause all others to do the same to your utmost power. All these things you shall truly, faithfully, and obediently keep and perform. So help you GOD.

person, both in the Court and in all places as much as in me lyeth, and I will cause all others to do the same to my utmost power.

OATH TAKEN BY A YEOMAN OF THE GUARD.

A.B., you sincerely promise and swear to serve Her most Sacred Majesty Victoria, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, both faithfully and truly in the place and office you are now called unto and to be placed in, namely, as one of the Yeomen of the Guard of Her aforesaid Majesty's Guard of Her Body in ordinary, and in all things touching Her honour and safety. You shall neither yourself do or procure or give consent to be done by any other any manner of thing that shall or may be prejudicial or hurtful to Her Majesty's Person, Crown, or Dignity, or to any of the Royal Family. But if you shall hear of or by any ways understand any such or that any manner of bodily hurt, dishonour, or prejudice may be in agitation, contriving, or likely to happen, you shall do as much as in you lyeth to prevent, stop, and hinder the same, and besides to disclose and discover it with all speed to Her Majesty, or to such of Her Majesty's Counsel as you can or may come next unto, or to some or one of your officers on duty, and by all ways and means you can possibly to cause the same to be made known. You swear to be obedient to your captain and all other of your officers of the said Guard in all things concerning your office in Her Majesty's service. You shall not depart from the Court above twenty miles without the licence of your Captain of the Guard, or the Adjutant, or of the Clerk of the Cheque to the said Guard. You shall keep the Queen's peace in your own person both in the Court and all other places as much as in you lyeth, and shall cause all others to do the same to your utmost power.

All these things you shall truly, faithfully, and obediently keep and perform. So help you GOD.

Proposed Declaration.

The same, mutatis mutandis, as that proposed for an officer.

PRIVY COUNCIL (ENGLAND).

OATH TAKEN BY A PRIVY COUNCILLOR.

You shall swear to be a true and faithful servant unto the Queen's Majesty as one of Her Majesty's Privy Council. You shall not know or understand of any manner of thing to be attempted, done, or spoken against Her Majesty's person, honour, Crown, or dignity royal; but you shall let and withstand the same to the uttermost of your power, and either cause it to be revealed to Her Majesty herself, or to such of Her Privy Council as shall advertise Her Majesty of the same. You shall in all things to be moved, treated,

Proposed Declaration.

You shall solemnly and sincerely declare that you will be a true and faithful servant unto Her Majesty Queen Victoria, as one of Her Majesty's Privy Council. You shall keep secret all matters committed and revealed unto you, or that shall be secretly treated of in Council, and generally

and debated in Council faithfully and truly declare your mind and opinion, according to your heart and conscience; and shall keep secret all matters committed and revealed unto you, or that shall be treated of secretly in Council. And if any of the said treaties or councils shall touch any of the councillors, you shall not reveal it unto him, but shall keep the same until such time as, by the consent of Her Majesty, or of the Council, publication shall be made thereof. You shall to your uttermost bear faith and allegiance unto the Queen's Majesty; and shall assist and defend all [civil and temporal] jurisdictions, pre-eminences, and authorities granted to Her Majesty, and annexed to the Crown by Acts of Parliament, or otherwise, against all foreign princes, persons, prelates, states, or potentates. And generally in all things you shall do as a faithful and true servant ought to do to Her Majesty.

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So help you GOD, and the holy contents of this Book.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL IN ORDINARY.

Proposed Declaration.

You shall swear to be a true and faithful servant unto the Queen's Majesty in the exercise of the functions of the Clerk of the Privy Council in Ordinary. You shall not know or understand of any manner of thing to be attempted, done, or spoken against Her Majesty's person, honour, Crown, or dignity royal; but you shall let and withstand the same to the uttermost of your power, and either do or cause to be revealed, either to Her Majesty herself or to the Privy Council. You shall keep secret all matters committed and revealed unto you, or that shall be treated of secretly in Council. And if any of the said treaties or councils shall touch any of the councillors, you shall not reveal it unto him, but shall keep the same until such time as, by the consent of Her Majesty, or by the Council, publication shall be made thereof. You shall, to your uttermost, bear faith and allegiance to the Queen's Majesty, and shall assist and defend all jurisdictions, pre-eminences, and authorities granted to Her Majesty, and annexed to the Crown by Act of Parliament or otherwise, against all foreign princes, persons, prelates, states, or potentates. And generally in all things you shall do as a faithful and true servant and subject ought to do to Her Majesty.

You shall solemnly and sincerely declare that you will be a true and faithful servant unto Her Majesty Queen Victoria, in the exercise of the functions of the Clerk of the Privy Council in Ordinary. You shall keep secret all matters committed and revealed unto you, or that shall be secretly treated of in Council, and generally in all things you shall do as a faithful and true servant and subject ought to do to Her Majesty.

So help you GOD, and by the holy contents of this Book.

OATH TAKEN BY A KEEPER OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Proposed Declaration.

You shall swear to be a true and faithful servant to the Queen's Majesty as one of the Keepers of the Council Chamber; and if by reason of your attendance there you shall hear of any business of secrecy treated of in Council, you shall not divulge the same.

So help you GOD, and the holy contents of this Book.

You shall solemnly and sincerely declare that you will be a true and faithful servant to Her Majesty Queen Victoria as one of the Keepers of the Council Chamber, and if, by reason of your attendance there, you shall hear of any business of secrecy treated of in Council, you shall not divulge the same.

PRIVY COUNCIL (IRELAND).

Oath taken by a Privy Councillor.

Proposed Declaration.

The same as that proposed for a Privy Councillor in England.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and Her counsel to conceal and keep secret from time to time; and for the better furtherance of Her Majesty's service, to give your best advice and counsel, and in all things concerning Her Majesty's honour and profit to use with diligence and circumspection, as to a true councillor shall appertain; and that you shall by no means consent to Her disherison or hindrance, but shall make declaration thereof to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being, if you have time thereto, or otherwise to such of Her Majesty's Council as are next to you, as well of that as all other matters that may touch Her Majesty's service, or be prejudicial in any condition to Her person or to the person of Her Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being.

So help you God, in Christ Jesus.

Oath taken by the Clerk of the Council.

Proposed Declaration.

The same as that proposed for the Clerk of the Council in England.

You shall swear to be a true and faithful servant as Clerk of the Privy Council in Ireland. You shall not know or understand of any manner of thing to be attempted, done, or spoken against the Queen's Majesty, Her Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors, and the Council of Ireland, but you shall let and withstand the same to the utmost of your power, and either do or cause it to be revealed either to Her Majesty Herself, or to the Lord Lieutenant, or to the Privy Council. You shall keep secret all matters committed and revealed unto you, or that shall be treated of secretly in Council; and if any of the said treaties or councils shall touch any of the councillors, you shall not reveal it unto him, but shall keep the same until such time as, by the consent of the Chief Governor or Governors and the Council, publication shall be made thereof. You shall to your utmost bear faith and allegiance to the Queen's Majesty, and shall assist and defend all jurisdictions, pre-eminences, and authorities granted to Her Majesty, and annexed to the Crown by Act of Parliament or otherwise, against all Foreign Princes, Persons, Prelates, States, or Potentates, and generally in all things you shall do as a faithful and true servant and subject ought to do to Her Majesty.

So help you God, and the holy contents of this Book.

DEPARTMENTS OF THE SECRETARIES OF STATE.

Declaration made by a Queen's Messenger.

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be a true servant unto Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and that I will be obedient to the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and their secretaries.

I, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be a true servant unto our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the grace of God Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. &c.; that if I should know anything that may in any wise be hurtful or prejudicial to Her Majesty's Royal person, state, Crown, or dignity, I will, as far as may be in my power, hinder it, and with all possible speed reveal the same to Her Majesty, or to some of Her Most Honourable Privy Council; that I will serve Her Majesty truly and faithfully in the place to which I am appointed as Messenger in Ordinary to Her Majesty; and that I will be obedient to the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and their Secretaries.

PRIVY SEAL OFFICE.

Oath taken by the Lord Privy Seal.

You shall, as far forth as your cunning and discretion sufficeth, truly, justly, and evenly execute and exercise the office of Keeper of the Queen's Privy Seal, Commissioners for executing the office of keeping of the Queen's Privy Seal, to you by Her Majesty committed, not leaving or eschewing so to do for affection, love, meed, doubt or dread of any person or persons. And you shall take especial regard that the said Privy Seal, in all places where you shall direct unto, may be in such substantial wise used and safely kept, and that no other person without the Queen's special commandment, or your assent or knowledge, shall move, seal, or imprint anything with the same. And generally you shall observe, fulfil, and do all and everything which to the office of Keeper of the Queen's Privy Seal, Commissioners for executing the office of Keeper of the Queen's Privy Seal, duly belongeth and appertaineth.

So help you God, and by the contents of this Book.

Proposed Declaration.

You shall take special regard that the Privy Seal, in all places where you shall direct unto, may be in such substantial wise used and safely kept, and that no other person, without the Queen's special commandment or your assent or knowledge, shall move, seal, or imprint anything with the same.

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

Oath taken by the Clerk of the Parliaments and the Clerk of the House of Commons.

Ye shall be true, faithful, and trouth ye shall bear, to our Sovereign Lady the Queen and to her heirs and successors; ye shall nothing know that shall be prejudicial to Her Highness, her crown, estate, and dignity royal, but that ye shall resist it to your power, and with all speed ye shall advertise Her Grace thereof, or at the least some of her Council, in such wise as the same may come to her knowledge; ye shall also well and truly serve Her Highness in the office of Clerk of her Parliaments, making true entries and records of the things done and passed in the same [*or* Under Clerk of Her Parliaments, to attend upon the Commons of this realm, making true entries, remembrances, and journals of the things done and passed in the same]; ye shall keep secret all such matters as shall be treated in her said Parliaments, and not disclose the same before they shall be published but to such as it ought to be disclosed unto; and generally ye shall well and truly do and execute all things belonging to you to be done appertaining to the office of Clerk of the Parliaments.

As God you help, and by the contents of this Book.

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, and will well and truly serve her in the office of Clerk of her Parliaments, making true entries and records of the things done and passed in the same [or Under Clerk of her Parliaments, to attend upon the Commons of this realm, making true entries, remembrances, and journals of the things done and passed in the same]. I will keep secret all such matters as shall be treated in her said Parliaments, and I will not disclose any one of the same before it shall be published but to such as it ought to be disclosed unto; and generally I will well and truly do and execute all things belonging to me to be done appertaining to the office of Clerk of the Parliaments.

LAW OFFICERS OF THE CROWN (ENGLAND AND IRELAND).

Oath taken by the Attorney General or Solicitor General.

Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall serve the Queen as Her in all her courts of record within that part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Great Britain [*or* within the realm of Ireland], and truly counsel the Queen in her matters when ye shall be called, and duly and truly minister the Queen's matters, and sue the Queen's process after the course of the law and after your cunning; ye shall take no wages nor fee of any man for any matter against the Queen where the Queen is party; ye shall duly, in convenient time, speed such matters as any person shall have to do in the law against the Queen as ye may lawfully do without long delay, tracting or tarrying the party of his lawful process in that that to you belongeth; ye shall be attendant to the Queen's matters when ye shall be called thereto.

As God you help, and by the contents of this Book.

Proposed Declaration.

You shall solemnly and sincerely declare that well and truly you shall serve the Queen as Her in all her courts of record, within that part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Great Britain, [or within the realm of Ireland], and truly counsel the Queen in her matters when you shall be called, and duly and truly minister the Queen's matters, and sue the Queen's process after the course of the law and after your cunning; you shall take no wages nor fee of any man for any matter against the Queen where the Queen is party, without the license of Her Majesty; you shall duly in convenient time, speed such matters as any person shall have to do in the law against the Queen as you may lawfully do without long delay, tracting or tarrying the party of his lawful process in that that to you belongeth; you shall be attendant to the Queen's matters when you shall be called thereto.

INLAND REVENUE.

Oath taken by a Commissioner of Income Tax.

I, , of , do swear that I will truly, faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and knowledge execute the powers and authorities vested in me by an Act passed in the 17th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for "granting to Her Majesty Duties on Profits "arising from Property, Professions, Trades, "and Offices," and that I will exercise the powers entrusted to me by the said Act in such manner only as shall appear to me necessary for the due execution of the same; and that I will judge and determine upon all matters and things which shall be brought before me under the said Act without favour, affection, or malice; and that I will not disclose any particulars contained in any schedule or statement delivered with respect to any duties charged under the provisions and regulations relating to Schedule (D.) of the said Act, or any evidence or answer given by any person who shall be examined, or shall make affidavit, deposition, or affirmation respecting the same, in pursuance of the said Act, excepting in such cases and to such persons only who

Proposed Declaration.

I, , of , do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will truly, faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the powers and authorities vested in me by an Act passed in the 17th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act "for granting to Her Majesty "Duties on Profits arising "from Property, Professions, "Trades, and Offices," and that I will not disclose any particulars contained in any schedule or statement delivered with respect to any duties charged under the provisions and regulations relating to Schedule (D.) of the said Act, or any evidence or answer given by any person who shall be examined, or shall make affidavit, deposition, or affirma-

shall be sworn to the due execution of the said Act, and where it shall be necessary to disclose the same for the purposes of the said Act, or to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, or in order to or in the course of a prosecution for perjury, committed in such examination, affidavit, deposition, or affirmation.

So help me GOD.

tion respecting the same, in pursuance of the said Act, excepting in such cases and to such persons only who shall be sworn to the due execution of the said Act, and where it shall be necessary to disclose the same for the purposes of the said Act, or to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, or in order to or in the course of a prosecution for perjury, committed in such examination, affidavit, deposition or affirmation.

COURT OF CHANCERY (ENGLAND).

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK OF THE CROWN.

Proposed Declaration.

Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall serve the Queen our Sovereign Lady and her people in the office of Clerk of the Crown in the Chancery whereunto ye be called and admitted. Ye shall be diligent to dispatch and further the Queen's business from time to time as need shall require, and well and truly demean and order yourself in the said office. The counsel of the Queen in anything that belongeth to your office ye shall not disclose. Ye shall not procure ne assent unto any disherison or perpetual damage to the Queen's Majesty to your power or knowledge. Ye shall not procure ne assent unto any fraud or deceit to be had or done in any of the Queen's records whereunto ye shall have recourse, but ye shall well and truly intreat the same. And ye shall well and truly do all that appertaineth and belongeth to the said office according to your power, learning, and skill. As help you GOD, and by the contents of this Book.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and Her people in office of Clerk of the Crown in the Chancery whereunto I am called and admitted. I will well and truly do all that appertaineth and belongeth to the said office according to my power, learning, and skill.

OATHS TAKEN BY A REGISTRAR.

Proposed Declaration.

Ye shall swear that well and truly, after your learning and cunning, you shall exercise the office of the Registrar of the Queen's Court of Chancery, and justly and equally, after your skill and knowledge, without favour or corruption, you shall take, draw up, and enter all such rules, orders, and decrees, and no other, as hereafter shall be made, pronounced, or decreed in Chancery, either by the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the time being, or the Master of the Rolls, or the Lords Justices of the Courts of Appeal in Chancery, or the Vice-Chancellors, or any other Her Majesty's Commissioners, in that behalf appointed, according to the true intent and effect of that which shall be pronounced or delivered. All which you shall truly perform without delay.

So help you GOD, and by the contents of this Book.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will well and truly exercise the office of the Registrar of the Queen's Court of Chancery.

OATH TAKEN BY THE REGISTRAR OF AFFIDAVITS.

Proposed Declaration.

Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall execute the office of Registering of Affidavits in the High Court of Chancery, whereunto you are called. All such affidavits as shall be brought and delivered unto you, you shall truly register, keep, and file. You shall not willingly nor wittingly

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that well and truly I will execute the office of Registering of Affidavits in the High Court of Chancery.

use any delays, lett, or hindrance to any of Her Majesty's subjects in the execution of the same office, but to the uttermost of your power well and orderly demean and behave yourself therein.

So help you GOD, and by the contents of this Book.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK OF THE LETTERS PATENT.

Ye shall swear that well and truly, after your best skill and cunning, you shall execute the office and place of Clerk of the Letters Patent in the Court of Chancery according to the tenor and effect of Her Majesty's grant in that behalf made unto you under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

So help you GOD, and by the contents of this Book.

Proposed Declaration.

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that well and truly, after my best skill and cunning, I will execute the office and place of Clerk of the Letters Patent in the Court of Chancery.

OATH TAKEN BY THE EXAMINER OF LETTERS PATENT.

Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall serve our Sovereign Lady and her people in the office of Examiner of Letters Patent and other things passing the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; and ye shall truly and justly examine all such Letters Patent and grants brought unto you according to the warrant for the same. Ye shall not procure ne assent unto any disherison or damage to the Queen's Majesty to your power or knowledge; and ye shall give your attendance on the said office accordingly.

As GOD you help, and by the contents of this Book.

Proposed Declaration.

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that well and truly I will serve our Sovereign Lady and her people in the office of Examiner of Letters Patent and other things passing the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; and I will truly and justly examine all such Letters Patent and grants brought unto me according to the warrant for the same.

OATH TAKEN BY A COMMISSIONER TO ADMINISTER OATHS IN CHANCERY.

Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall serve the Queen our Sovereign Lady, and her people, in the office of a Commissioner to administer Oaths in Chancery in England to the which ye be called; ye shall not assent to, *ne* procure the disinheritance, *ne* perpetual damage of the Queen to your power, *ne* fraud ye shall do, or cause to be made wrongfully to any of her people, *ne* in anything that toucheth the seal, and lawfully ye shall counsel the things that toucheth the Queen when ye shall be thereunto required, and the counsel that ye shall give touching Her ye shall not disclose; and if ye know anything of the disinheritance or damage of the Queen, or fraud to be made upon anything that toucheth the keeping of the seal, ye shall put your lawful power it to redress and amend; and if that ye cannot do, ye shall advise the Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, or other which may that amend, to your power.

As GOD you help, and by the contents of this Book.

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and Her people in the office of a Commissioner to administer Oaths in Chancery in England to the which I am called.

OATH TAKEN BY A MASTER EXTRAORDINARY IN CHANCERY (FOR SCOTLAND OR IRELAND).

The same oath, *mutatis mutandis*, as that taken by a Commissioner to administer Oaths in Chancery, which is given above.

Proposed Declaration.

The same, mutatis mutandis, as that proposed for a Commissioner to administer Oaths.

COURT OF CHANCERY (IRELAND).

Oath taken by a Master or Master Extraordinary.

The same oath, *mutatis mutandis*, as that taken by a Commissioner to administer Oaths in Chancery in England,* which is given on p. 90.

Proposed Declaration.

The same, mutatis mutandis, as that proposed for a Commissioner to administer Oaths.

LIVERPOOL COURT OF PASSAGE.

Oath taken by the Mayor as Judge of the Court of Passage.

You shall depose to be a true liege man unto the King's Majesty our Sovereign Lord, and no treason do or know to be done unto His Majesty, but that with all speed you shall give knowledge to His Majesty's Privy Council, and also you shall execute the office of Mayor of this His Majesty's town of Liverpool until the next election day; and to the utmost of your power and knowledge you shall execute or cause the King's Majesty's laws to be executed, with true and indifferent justice, without favour, meed, dread, fear, or affection; and also all Acts and Statutes made by the King's Majesty and his most noble progenitors, Kings and Queens of this realm, and their honourable counsellors, you shall execute or cause to be executed within this town and the franchises and liberties thereof to the best of your power and knowledge: and furthermore all liberties of this town and franchises thereto appertaining you shall maintain to your power; and also you shall see that all inferior officers of this town do their duties in their offices, and such as do offend punish accordingly; and furthermore you shall not of yourself make any new act or order within this town and the liberties of the same, unless you have the assent and consent of such as have been Mayors of this town, with the consent of the most ancient burgesses thereof; and also all other thing and things that do appertain to the office of a Mayor of this Corporation, and the liberties you shall minister or cause to be put into one execution to the best of your knowledge. So help you God.

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will execute the office of Mayor of this Her Majesty's town of Liverpool until the next election day; and to the utmost of my power and knowledge I will execute or cause the Queen's laws to be executed with true and indifferent justice, without favour, meed, dread, fear, or affection; and furthermore all liberties of this town and franchises thereto appertaining I will maintain to the best of my power; and also I will see that all inferior officers of this town do their duties in their respective offices; and also all other thing and things that do appertain to the office of Mayor of this Corporation and liberties, I will minister or cause to be put into due execution to the best of my knowledge.

Oath taken by the Serjeant at Mace.

You shall depose to be obedient to the Mayor of this town, and also that you shall be diligent in executing of your office of the Serjeant at Mace of this town of Liverpool, and that you shall be indifferent between partie and partie; and all such person and persons as you be appointed to arrest and attach, you shall take sufficient mainprizes or sureties to answer at the Mayor's Court within this town, you shall arrest or attach them with your mace or otherwise bar by body or goods

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be obedient to the Mayor of this town, and also that I will be diligent and faithful in executing my office of the Serjeant at Mace of this town of Liverpool.

* Between the form of oath administered to this officer at the Crown Office, House of Lords, and the forms in use in Ireland, there are one or two slight variations, such as might arise from errors in transcribing.

truly without either favour, fear, colour, or dissembling, and for want of sufficient mainprizes or sureties shall you take the partie or parties so arrested into sure goal or prison, there to abide until he, she, or they can find sufficient mainprizes or sureties; and also see that the partie plt. do enter his plea or action into the court book, either before the arrest made or else immediately after, so that at the first court then next after you have made any such arrest, you shall present it into the court books (the mainprize or mainprizes) of the parties so arrested, unless that you shall have pfect knowledge the parties are agreed; and furthermore all such person and persons as the Mayor or his deputy and Justices of the Peace appointeth you to take to prison or ward, see that you keep them according as such Mayor or his deputy or justices appointeth or commandeth you to do and not otherwise.

So help you GOD.

DIOCESAN ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS (ENGLAND).

It is recommended that in these Courts the following declaration be taken by Chancellors and Vicars-General or Official Principals :—

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will, to the uttermost of my understanding, deal uprightly and justly in my office, without respect of favour or reward.

And that the following be taken by Registrars, Proctors, Surrogates, and Apparitors.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will to the uttermost of my understanding deal uprightly and justly in the execution of my office.

CANTERBURY.

OATH TAKEN BY THE VICAR GENERAL.

He is sworn "faithfully to execute the office of Vicar General according to "law to the best of his knowledge."

OATH TAKEN BY THE REGISTRAR OF THE PROVINCE.

He takes an oath that he will "to the uttermost of his understanding deal "uprightly and justly in his office without respect of favour or reward."

OATH TAKEN BY A SURROGATE.*

He is sworn "faithfully to execute his office according to law to the best of "his knowledge."

OATH TAKEN BY THE REGISTRARS AND DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF THE DIOCESAN AND ARCHIDIACONAL COURTS.

I, A.B., do swear that I will perform all due reverence and canonical obedience to the Archbishop of Canterbury and his successors for the time being in all just and lawful commands. So help me GOD.

* A few of the Returns from the Diocesan Courts make no mention of Surrogates, but by 4 Geo. 4, c. 76, s. 18, it is enacted that no Surrogate "who hath power to "grant licences shall grant any such licence until he hath taken an oath" in the terms here stated.

YORK.

Oaths taken by the Deputy Registrar.

I, , in order to my being admitted to exercise and execute the office of one of the Scribes, Actuaries, or Registrars for and in the place and stead of , Principal Registrar to his Grace the Lord Archbishop of York, do swear that I will to the uttermost of my understanding deal uprightly and justly in the execution of the said office without respect, favour, or reward. So help me God.

I, , one of the Deputies of the Scribe, Actuary, or Principal Registrar of his Grace the Lord Archbishop of York, do swear that I will faithfully do those things that are incumbent on the office aforesaid, will observe the statutes and customs of the Court, and as much as in me lies will cause them to be observed; nor will I render myself difficult nor be a burthensome exactor of unjust fees or rewards. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Proctor.

I, , do swear upon these Holy Evangelists that I will faithfully defend all causes and businesses in which I may or shall be Proctor in this Consistory Court or before the Lord Archbishop of York, or his official or commissary, or their lawful representative or representatives, and that I will with all care and diligence procure for my clients in their causes and businesses what I shall deem right and equitable, nor will I propound or do, or knowingly or wilfully suffer (as far as in me lies) anything to be said, propounded, or done by any other person to the hindrance or undue delay of justice to the adverse party, against the jurisdiction of the Church of York, or the usages or statutes of the Court of York, so that if in any part of a cause or suit it shall become known to me that my clients do prosecute or defend an evil and unjust cause, which to me shall seem desperate, I will no longer delay such cause by any allegations or other frivolous or unjust means.

So help me God and the contents of this Book.

Oath taken by a Surrogate.

You shall swear that you will well and truly execute and perform the office of Surrogate for granting marriage licenses in and throughout the diocese of York." So help you God.

BATH AND WELLS.

Oath taken by the Chancellor, the Registrar, or a Surrogate.

I, A. B., do swear that I will faithfully execute the office of according to law to the best of my knowledge. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Proctor.

I, A. B., do swear that I will to the uttermost of my understanding well and faithfully execute and perform the office and business of a Proctor of the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells, and that I will not at any time do or advise, or procure to be done, any act, matter, or thing whatsoever against or in prejudice of the jurisdiction of the said Court. So help me God.

CARLISLE.

Oath taken by a Surrogate.

I, , do swear that I will well and faithfully, to the best of my knowledge, skill, and judgment, and according to the canons and constitutions ecclesiastical, and to the laws of the realm, execute the office of Surrogate within the diocese of Carlisle. So help me God.

CHESTER.

Oaths taken by the Chancellor or Vicar General and Official Principal.

I.

I, , do swear that I have made no simoniacal payment, contract, or promise, directly or indirectly, by myself or by any other, to my knowledge or with my consent, to any person or persons whatsoever, for or concerning the procuring and obtaining the office of , nor will at any time hereafter peform or satisfy any such kind of payment, contract, or promise made by any other without my knowledge or consent.

So help me God.

II.

I, , do swear that I will pay true and canonical obedience to , Lord Bishop of , and his successors, in all things lawful and honest. So help me God.

III.

I, , do swear that I will, to the utmost of my understanding and ability, deal uprightly and justly in the execution of the office of , without respect, favour, or reward. So help me God.

Oath taken by the Registrar, the Apparitor General, or a Surrogate.

The same oath, *mutatis mutandis*, as No. III. taken by the Chancellor.

CHICHESTER.

Oath taken by an Apparitor or a Surrogate.

I, , do swear that I will faithfully execute my office according to law and to the best of my knowledge. So help me God.

DURHAM.

Oath taken by the Chancellor.

I swear that I will, to the uttermost of my understanding, deal uprightly and justly in my office without respect of favour or reward.

So help me God.

Oath taken by the Registrar.

I, , do swear that I promise to be faithful and diligent to , Lord Bishop of Durham, or his deputy, in all and singular matters and things which by right or custom do in anywise belong to the office of Actuary or Keeper of the Registry, and setting aside all favour and affection, I will be just and equitable between the judge and parties in the suit; that I will inviolably observe and keep, and so much as in me lies, will take care that others observe and keep the rights and customs ecclesiastical of the Consistory and Episcopal Court of Durham, as far as touches or concerns the office which I hold. So help me God.

Oath taken by the Apparitor General.

I, , now to be constituted Apparitor General of the Lord Bishop of Durham, do swear that I will be faithful and obedient to , Lord Bishop of Durham, in all things which belong to the office of Apparitor; that I will faithfully perform and execute all lawful commands; that I will

abstain from illegal exactions, and preserve the laws, dignity, and privileges of the see of Durham and the statutes of the Consistory Court of Durham.

So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A SURROGATE.

I swear that I will well and truly execute the office of Surrogate within the diocese of Durham to the best of my skill and knowledge.

So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A PROCTOR.

I, , do swear, upon the Holy Gospels, that in all causes wherein I am or shall be Proctor in this Consistory before the Lord Bishop of Durham, or his official or commissary, or their representative or representatives, I will perform faithful proxy; and that I will procure for my clients in their causes and business that which I shall think just and true, and labour about the same as much as is possible for me; neither will I say, propound, or do anything knowingly or maliciously (as it behoves me) against the dignity and privileges of the see of Durham, nor against the statutes and customs of this Consistory; also, that if it appears to me in any part of the suit that my clients are encouraging, carrying on, or defending a bad and unjust cause which to me shall seem desperate, I will not any further delay the same by any allegations or other frivolous and unjust means. So help me GOD.

ELY.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CHANCELLOR.

I, A. B., Chancellor in and throughout the whole diocese of Ely, do swear that I will, to the uttermost of my understanding, deal uprightly and justly in my said office of Chancellor without respect of favour or reward.

So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A SURROGATE.

I, A. B., do swear that I will duly and faithfully execute the office of Surrogate to C. D., Chancellor of the diocese of Ely, lawfully constituted according to law to the best of my knowledge. So help me GOD.

EXETER.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CHANCELLOR.

I do swear that I will, to the uttermost of my understanding, deal uprightly and justly in the office of Vicar General in Spirituals and Principal Official of the Episcopal Consistorial Court of Exeter without respect of favours or reward.

OATH TAKEN BY A SURROGATE.

I do swear that I will faithfully execute the office of Surrogate for granting marriage licences to the best of my skill and ability.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.

The Chancellor and Judge of the Court, the Registrar of the Court, the Proctors, and the Apparitors are sworn "faithfully to execute the duties of their "respective offices."

Bristol Division of the Diocese.

The Chancellor takes an oath to the effect that "he will, to the uttermost of "his understanding, deal uprightly and justly in his office." The Surrogates, Registrar, and Apparitor are sworn "faithfully to execute their office accord- "ing to law and to the best of their judgment and knowledge."

HEREFORD.

Oath taken by a Surrogate acting in all Matters brought into the Ecclesiastical Court.

I, A. B., do swear that I will to the uttermost of my understanding deal uprightly and justly in the office of Surrogate of the Consistory Court of the diocese of Hereford without respect or favour of reward. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Surrogate for granting Marriage Licences.

I, A. B., do swear that I will well and faithfully execute the office of Surrogate in the granting licences for marriages within and for the diocese of Hereford to the best of my skill and knowledge and according to law.

So help me God.

Declaration made by a Proctor.

This is the declaration against transubstantiation prescribed by 30 Charles 2. stat. 2, which differs in one or two points from the declaration prescribed by 3 Will. and Mary, c. 2. which is given at p. 3.

LICHFIELD.

Oath taken by a Surrogate.

You shall swear that you will well and truly execute the office of Surrogate within the diocese of Lichfield to the best of your skill and ability.

So help you God.

LINCOLN.

Oath taken by a Surrogate.

You swear that you will faithfully execute the office of Surrogate to the Worshipful , Vicar General and official Principal of the Episcopal and Consistorial Court of Lincoln, according to the best of your knowledge.

So help you God.

LLANDAFF.

Oath taken by the Chancellor and the Registrar.

Each of these officers takes an oath "duly to perform" his office.

Oath taken by a Surrogate.

I, A.B., do swear that I will well and faithfully execute the office of a Surrogate to the Reverend and Worshipful C. D., Clerk, M.A., Chancellor of the diocese of Llandaff, according to the best of my skill and knowledge.

So help me God.

Oath taken by a Proctor.

You shall to the uttermost of your skill and knowledge faithfully and diligently in all causes and matters wherein you shall be of council deal and use the office of a Proctor. You shall not make or use any unlawful or frivolous delays in any matters or cause wherein you shall be of council. You shall not corrupt or attempt to corrupt any of the officers or ministers of this Court. You shall not suborn or unlawfully procure any witness to depose falsely in any cause committed unto you. You shall not give counsel or be proctor in any cause of correction without the licence of the Judge. You shall carry and behave yourself modestly and reverently towards the Judge and other officers of this Court. You shall not embezzle or falsify, or wittingly or willingly cause to be embezzled or falsified any of the records of this Court, or do consent or procure to be done any act or thing to the damage or prejudice of this Court contrary to the laws, canons, and constitutions ecclesiastical now by law established. So help you God.

Oath taken by an Apparitor.

Your oath is that you will well, faithfully, and truly serve the office of Apparitor within your deanery wherein you are appointed; that is to say, you shall with all convenient speed duly execute all such citations and mandates which shall be delivered you by the authority of this Court. You shall diligently inquire into and make known to this Court all misdemeanors that come to your knowledge committed within your limits which are cognizable therein, not sparing any for hope of reward or fear of displeasure. You shall not by any quorum nomina process or any other process or citation ex officio serve, summon, or cite any party in any business of instance at the request of any but by a particular citation signed by the Registrar of this Court, his deputy or substitute, and having the same duly pass the seal thereof. You shall at every Court return the names of all those you summon by your process ex officio, without concealment of any, and not correspond with any person for any or business whatsoever. And lastly, you shall demean yourself modestly and respectfully towards the Judge, Registrar, and others the officers of this Court, and shall not embezzle or falsify any of the records belonging to the same. So help you God.

LONDON.

Oath taken by the Judge.

I, , do swear that I will, to the utmost of my understanding, deal uprightly and justly in the office of Vicar General in Spiritualities to the Lord Bishop of London and his successors and official Principal in and throughout the whole city and diocese of London, without respect of favour or reward.

Oath taken by the Registrar.

I, , do swear that I will, to the utmost of my understanding, deal uprightly and justly in the office of Principal Registrar of the Lord Bishop of London and his successors in and throughout the whole city and diocese of London, without respect of favour or reward.

MANCHESTER.

Oath taken by the Vicar General.

I, , do swear that I will, to the utmost of my understanding, deal uprightly and justly in my office of Vicar General and official Principal of the Bishop of Manchester, without respect or favour or reward.

So help me God.

Oath taken by a Surrogate.

I swear that I will faithfully execute the office of Surrogate to the Vicar General and official Principal of the Episcopal and Consistorial Court of Manchester, according to the best of my judgment and skill.

So help me God.

NORWICH.

The Chancellor, Commissary, Official, and Registrars "take the oaths "required by the 127th canon," to the effect that "they will, to the utmost of their "understanding, deal uprightly, and justly in their office, without respect of "favour or reward."

Oath taken by a Proctor.

The following oath of office:—I do swear that I will execute in all things, truly and faithfully, and according to the best of my skill and knowledge, the office of a Proctor in this Court, and that I will avoid doing anything which may be hurtful or prejudicial to the jurisdiction of this Court.

He also takes "the oath of canonical obedience to the Archbishop of Canter- "bury and the Bishop of Norwich and their successors."—See Form of Oath taken by Registrars and Deputy Registrars, &c., p. .

Oath taken by a Surrogate.

I swear that I will faithfully execute the office of Surrogate to the Chancellor of the diocese of Norwich (or Commissary or Official) for the time being, according to law, to the best of my skill and knowledge.

PETERBOROUGH.

Oath taken by the Chancellors, the Registrars, the Proctors, and the Apparitors.

I, A.B., now to be admitted into the office of in the diocese of Peterborough, do swear that I will well and faithfully execute the office of according to the best of my skill and ability.

RIPON.

Oath taken by the Chancellor and the Registrar.

I, A.B., do swear that I will to the utmost of my understanding and ability deal uprightly and justly in my office of , without respect, favour, or reward. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Proctor.

I, A.B., do swear that I will well and faithfully, to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the office of Proctor in the Episcopal Consistory Court of the diocese of Ripon, and to the utmost of my power will do and procure what is right and just to and for my clients, and will, so far as shall be in my power, conform to the custom and statutes of the said Court. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Surrogate.

Your oath is, and you swear, that you will well and faithfully execute the office of Surrogate in and throughout the diocese of Ripon, to which you are appointed by the Worshipful Vicar General and official Principal of the Right Reverend , Lord Bishop of Ripon,

according to law and agreeably to the provisions of the Act of Parliament of the 4th Geo. 4. c. 76., commonly called "The Marriage Act," to the best of your skill and knowledge. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN APPARITOR.

I, A.B., do swear that I will well and faithfully, and according to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the office of Apparitor for the Consistory Court of the diocese of Ripon. So help me GOD.

ROCHESTER.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CHANCELLOR.

I swear that I will to the uttermost of my understanding deal uprightly and justly in the office of Chancellor within this diocese, without respect of favour or reward. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE REGISTRAR.

I swear that I will to the utmost of my understanding deal uprightly and justly in the office of Registrar, without respect of favour or reward.

OATH TAKEN BY A SURROGATE.

You swear that you will well and faithfully execute the office of Surrogate to the Chancellor of to the best of your skill and knowledge.

SALISBURY.

OATH TAKEN BY THE JUDGE AND THE REGISTRAR AND DEPUTY REGISTRAR.

I, A.B., do swear that I will to the utmost of my understanding deal uprightly and justly in my office of Chancellor of the diocese of Sarum, without respect or favour of reward. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A SURROGATE.

You swear that you will duly and faithfully execute the office of a Surrogate for the granting licences of marriage in and throughout the whole diocese of Sarum to the best of your knowledge according to law. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A PROCTOR.

I, A.B., being about to be admitted exercent Proctor of the Episcopal Consistorial Court of Sarum, do swear on the Holy Evangelists that as long as I shall exercise the office of a Proctor I will use the fidelity and diligence which I can and owe to my clients in all the causes which they shall commit to my conduct; that I will not attempt either to commence or defend any unjust causes, according to the best of my judgment; that I will not vex my clients by protracting or delaying their causes, or by frivolous appeals, nor load them with unnecessary charges, but as soon as the law will permit will bring their causes to sentence in order to be duly ended. I promise that I will be candid in all things to be carried on by me; that I will not advise any suits with a malicious intent; that I will not by any gifts or bribes corrupt any officer of justice; that I will not in anything vitiate the registers or acts of this court, nor in the least oppose the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Sarum or his successors, but as far as in me is will preserve it safe and entire; that I will pay due reverence and obedience to the Bishop of Sarum and his Vicar General, and will observe all the spiritual and laudable customs used according to the style of this Court.
So help me GOD.

ST. ASAPH.

Oath taken by the Chancellor.

I, A.B., before I enter upon or execute the office of Vicar General and official Principal of the Right Reverend Father in God, A.B., by divine permission Lord Bishop of Saint Asaph, do swear that I will to the utmost of my understanding deal uprightly and justly in my office, without respect favour, or reward, according to the tenor and effect of the canons and constitutions in this behalf made and provided.

Oath taken by a Proctor.

I, whose name is hereunder written, about to be admitted into the number and society of the Proctors of the Episcopal or Consistory Court of Saint Asaph, and to the appointment of the Right Reverend A.B., by divine permission Lord Bishop of Saint Asaph in full right of his bishoprick belonging, do swear that I will not only be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, but that I also renounce and deny all and all manner of foreign jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence, or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this realm.

ST. DAVID'S.

Oath taken by the Chancellor.

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully and impartially administer justice according to my best discretion without respect, favour, or reward.

So help me God

Oath taken by a Surrogate.

Your oath is that you will well and faithfully, and without fraud or malice, execute according to law the office of Surrogate in and for the diocese of Saint David's, to the best of your knowledge, skill, and ability.

So help you God.

Oath taken by a Proctor.

I, A.B., do swear that I will truly and honestly do, execute, and demean myself in the business and office of a Proctor in the Consistory Courts of the diocese of Saint David's, and that I will not causelessly sue out or endeavour to obtain any prohibitions whereby proceedings in the said courts may be stayed, and that I will diligently expedite all such causes wherein I may or shall be employed or concerned in, according to the best of my skill, knowledge, and ability. So help me God.

He also makes the declaration against transubstantiation.

WORCESTER.

Oath taken by the Chancellor and the Registrar.

I, A.B., do swear that I will well and faithfully execute the office of of the Consistory Court of the Right Rev. Father in God by divine permission Bishop of Worcester, &c.

Oath taken by a Surrogate.

I, A.B., swear that I will faithfully execute the office of Surrogate of the Worshipful Vicar General, and official Principal of the Right Reverend Father in God by divine permission Bishop of Worcester, according to the best of my knowledge. So help me God.

Oath taken by an Apparitor.

I swear that I will diligently execute the office of Apparitor of the deanery of , in the county of and diocese of Worcester, to the best of my skill and knowledge. So help me God.

NAVAL COURTS MARTIAL.

Oath taken by a Member of a Court.

I, , do swear that I will duly administer justice according to law, without partiality, favour, or affection; and I do further swear, that I will not on any account, at any time whatsoever, disclose or discover the vote or opinion of any particular member of this court-martial, unless thereunto required to in due course of law.

So help me God.

Suggested Alteration.

I do swear that I will administer justice according to law, without partiality, favour, or affection.

So help me God.

I do declare that I will not on any account, at any time whatsoever, disclose or discover the vote or opinion of any particular member of this court-martial, unless thereunto required to in due course of law.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Oath taken by a Sheriff (3 Geo. 1. c. 15. s. 18; 3 & 4 Will. 4. c. 99. s. 6).

I, A.B., do swear, that I will well and truly serve the Queen's Majesty in the office of Sheriff of the County of , and promote Her Majesty's profit in all things that belong to my office, as far as I legally can or may; I will truly serve the Queen's rights, and all that belongeth to the Crown; I will not assent to decrease, lessen, or conceal the Queen's rights, or the rights of her franchises; and whensoever I shall have knowledge that the rights of the Crown are concealed or withdrawn, be it in lands, rents, franchises, suits, or services, or in any other matter or thing, I will do my utmost to make them be restored to the Crown again; and if I may not do it myself, I will certify and inform the Queen thereof, or some of her judges; I will not respite or delay to levy the Queen's debts for any gift, promise, reward, or favour, where I may raise the same without great grievance to the debtors; I will do right, as well to poor as to rich, in all things belonging to my office; I will do no wrong to any man for any gift, reward, or promise, nor for favour or hatred; I will disturb no man's right, and will truly and faithfully acquit at the Exchequer all those of whom I shall receive any debts or duties belonging to the Crown; I will take nothing whereby the Queen may lose, or whereby her right may be disturbed, injured, or delayed; I will truly return and truly serve all the Queen's writs according to the best of my skill and knowledge; I will take no bailiff into my service but such as I will answer for, and will cause each of them to take such oaths as I do, in what belongeth to their business and occupation; I will truly set and return reasonable and due issues of them that be within my Bailiwick, according to their estate and circumstances, and make due panels of persons able and sufficient, and not suspected or procured, as is appointed by the statutes of this realm; I have not sold or let to farm, nor contracted for, nor have I granted or promised for reward or benefit, nor will sell or let to farm, nor contract for, nor grant for reward or benefit, by myself or any other person, for me or for my use, directly or indirectly, my Sheriffwick or any Bailiwick thereof, or any office belonging thereto, or the profits of the

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will well and truly serve the Queen's Majesty in the office of Sheriff of the County of . I will truly and diligently execute the laws and statutes of this realm, and in all things well and truly behave myself in my office for the honour of the Queen and the good of her subjects, and discharge the same according to the best of my skill and power.

same, to any person or persons whatsoever; I will truly and diligently execute the good laws and statutes of this realm; and in all things well and truly behave myself in my office, for the honour of the Queen and the good of her subjects, and discharge the same according to the best of my skill and power.

So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN UNDER-SHERIFF (3 Geo. 1. c. 15. s. 19; 3 & 4 Will. 4. c. 99. s. 6).

I, A.B., do swear, that I will well and truly serve the Queen's Majesty in the office of Under-Sheriff of the County of , and promote Her Majesty's profit in all things that belong to the said office, as far as I legally can or may; I will preserve the Queen's rights, and all that belongeth to the Crown; I will not assent to decrease, lessen, or conceal the Queen's rights, or the rights of her franchises, and whensoever I shall have knowledge that the rights of the Crown are concealed or withdrawn, be it in lands, rents, franchises, suits, or services, or in any other matter or thing, I will do my utmost to make them be restored to the Crown again; and if I may not do it of myself, I will certify and inform some of Her Majesty's judges thereof; I will not respite or delay to levy the Queen's debts for any gift, promise, reward, or favour, where I may raise the same without great grievance to the debtors; I will do right, as well to poor as to rich, in all things belonging to my office; I will do no wrong to any man for any gift, reward, or promise, nor favour or hatred; I will disturb no man's right, and will truly and faithfully acquit at the Exchequer all those of whom I shall receive any debt, duties, or sums of money belonging to the Crown; I will take nothing whereby the Queen may lose, or whereby her rights may be disturbed, injured, or delayed; I will truly return and truly serve all the Queen's writs to the best of my skill and knowledge; I will truly set and return reasonable and due issues of them that be within my Bailiwick according to their estates and circumstances, and make due panels of persons able and sufficient, and not suspected or procured, as is appointed by the statutes of this realm; I have not bought, purchased, nor taken to farm, or contracted for, nor have I promised, or given any consideration, nor will I buy, purchase, or take to farm, or contract for, promise, or give any consideration whatsoever, by myself, or any other person for me or for my use, directly or indirectly, to any person or persons whatsoever, for the office of Under-Sheriff for the County of , which I am now to enter upon and enjoy, nor the profits of the same, nor for any Bailiwick thereof, or any other place or office belonging thereto; I have not sold nor contracted for, or let to farm, nor have I granted or promised, for reward or benefit, by myself or any other person for me or for my use, directly or indirectly, any Bailiwick thereof, or any other place or office belonging thereunto; I will truly and diligently execute the good laws and statutes of this realm; and in all things well and truly behave myself in my said office for Her Majesty's advantage, and for the good of her subjects, and discharge my whole duty according to the best of my skill and power.

So help me GOD.

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will well and truly serve the Queen's Majesty in the office of Under-Sheriff of the County of . I will truly and diligently execute the good laws and statutes of this realm; and in all things well and truly behave myself in my said office for Her Majesty's advantage, and for the good of her subjects, and discharge my whole duty according to the best of my skill and power.

OATH TAKEN BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Ye shall swear that as Justice of Peace within the County of , in all articles in the Queen's Commission to you directed, ye shall do equal right to the poor and to the rich, after your cunning, wit, and power, and after the laws and customs of this realm, and statutes thereof made; and ye shall not be of counsel with any person in any quarrel hanging before you; and that ye

Proposed Declaration.

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that as Justice of the Peace within the County of , in all articles of the Queen's Commission to me directed, I will do equal right to the poor and to the rich after

hold your sessions after the form of statutes thereof made; and the issues, fines, and amerciaments which shall happen to be made, and all forfeitures which shall fall before you, ye shall truly cause to be entered without any concealment or embezzling, and truly send them to the Queen's Exchequer; ye shall not let for gift or other cause, but well and truly ye shall do your office of Justice of Peace in that behalf; and that ye take nothing for your office of Justice of Peace, to be done, but of the Queen, and fees accustomed, and costs limited by the statute; and ye shall not direct or cause to be directed any warrant by you to be made to the parties, but ye shall direct them to the bailiffs of the said county , or other the Queen's officers or ministers, or other indifferent persons, to do execution thereof.

the laws and customs of this realm and statutes thereof made, and well and truly do my office of Justice of the Peace.

So God you help, and by the contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of Quarter Sessions in Dublin (6 & 7 Vict. c. 81. ss. 2 and 5).

Proposed Declaration.

I, A. B., do swear that I will execute the office of [ ] of the Session of the Peace in the County of Dublin, diligently, justly, and impartially, and without favour, affection, or malice do equal right to all the Queen's subjects that shall come within my jurisdiction; and that I will in all things, to the best of my skill and power, execute the duties imposed upon me by an Act passed in the Parliament of Ireland in the second year of the reign of King George the First, intituled "An Act for amending and reviewing an "Act intituled 'An Act for the Recovery of Small "'Debts in a summary Way before the Judges "'of Assize;'" and by an Act passed in the said Parliament, in the Thirty-eighth year of the reign of King George the Third, intituled "An "Act to enable the Chief Governor of this King-"dom to appoint one of His Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law to be "Chairman of the Session of the Peace in the County of Dublin during good "Behaviour;" or any other Act or Acts continuing or amending either of the said Acts.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will execute the office of of the Session of the Peace in the County of Dublin, diligently, justly, and impartially, and without favour, affection, or malice do equal right to all the Qaeen's subjects that shall come within my jurisdiction; and that I will in all things, to the best of my skill and power, execute the duties imposed on me.

CITY OF LONDON.

Oath taken by the Lord Mayor.

Proposed Declaration.

Yee shall sweare that ye shall well and lawfully serue the Maiesty in the office of Maioralty in the citty of London. And the same citty ye shall surely and safely keepe to the behoofe of highnes, heires, and lawfull successors. And the profit of the ye shall doe in all things that to you belongeth. And the right of the that to the Crown appertayneth in the same citty of London, lawfully ye shall keepe. Ye shall not consent to the decrease ne concealement of the rights, ne of the fraunchises of the . And whereSoever ye shall knowe the rights of the or of the Crowne (be it in lands or in rents, fraunchises or sutes) concealed or withdrawen to your power ye shall doe to repeale it. And if ye may not ye shall say it to the or to them of counsell that ye wete will say it to the . Also lawfully and rightfully ye shall entreate the people of your balliewick, and right shall ye doe to every one, as well to strangers as others, to poore as to riche in

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will well and lawfully serve the Queen's Majesty in the office of Mayoralty in the city of London. And the same city I will surely and safely keep to the behoof of her highness, her heirs and lawful successors. I so declare.

that belongeth you to doe. And that for highnes ne for ryches, for gyfte, ne for behest, for favour, ne for hate, wrong shall ye do to no man. Ne nothing shall ye take by the which the should leese, or right be disturbed or letted. And good assize shall ye sett upon breade, wyne, ale, ffysh, fflesh. corne, and all other victualls. Weights and measures in the same citty ye shall doe to be kept, and due execution doe upon the defaults that thereof shall be founde according to all the statuts thereof made not repealed. And in all other things that to a Mayor of the citty of London belongeth to doe and behaue you. As God you helpe.

Oath taken by an Alderman.

Proposed Declaration.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and lawfully serue our Soveraigne the in the citty of London in the office of Alderman in the warde of whereof ye be chosen Alderman, and every other warde whereof ye shalbe chosen Alderman hereafter. And lawfully ye shall entreate the people of the same warde of such things as to them perteyneth to doe for keeping of the citty and for maynteyning of the peace in the same. And the lawes and franchises of this citty ye shall kepe and mayntayne within the citty and without after your witt and power. And attendant ye shalbe to mayntayne the right of orphans after the lawes and usages of the same citty. And ready ye shalbe to com at the sommons and warnings of the Maior and mynisters of this citty for the tyme being to speede th'assises plees and judgements of the hustings and other neede of this citty yf ye be not lett by the neede of the or by some other reasonable cause. And good and lawfull counsell ye shall give for such things as touch the common profitt of the citty. And ye shall sell no manner victuall by retayle, as bread, ale, wyne, flesh ne fish by your apprentizis, allowes, servaunts, ne by any other way. Ne proffitt shall ye none take of any such manner victuall so sould during your office. The secrets of this court ye shall kepe, and not disclose any thing here spoken for the comon wealth of this citty, or that might hurt any person or brother of this said courte, unlesse it be spoken to your brother, or to any other which in your conscience and discretion ye shall thinck to be for the comon wealth of this citty. And well and lawfully ye shall behave you in the said office and in all other things touching the said citty. As God you helpe.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will well and lawfully serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the city of London in the office of Alderman in the ward of whereof I am chosen Alderman, and every other ward whereof I shall be chosen Alderman hereafter.

Oath taken by the Recorder.

Proposed Declaration.

Ye shall sweare that ye shalbe good and true to our Soveraigne the of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and to heires and lawfull successors, and to the citty of London in th' office of Recordor. And the fraunchises and customes of the same citty within the citty and w^th^out after your power ye shall mayntayne. And ye counsell of the said citty ye shall not discover, which should turne or be to the hurt of the same citty. Allso ye shall well and contynually kepe and rule the courte in the chamber and in the hustings, after the custome of this citty. And ye shall not lett for guift, ne for favor, for promyse, ne for hate, but lawe and right ye shall doe to all manner people as well to poore as riche, denizens and strangers that before you shall pleade in hustings plees and other. And all manner plees that before you shalbe pleaded, ye shall well and truly record, and your dilligence you shall doe to see the said plees be well and lawfully enrolled. Allso right shall ye none lett, neither no judgment tarry without cause reasonable. And yf ye knowe where the proffitt or the right of the citty be it in

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be good and true to our Sovereign the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and to her heirs and lawful successors, and to the city of London in the office of Recorder. And the franchises and customs of the same city, within the city and without, after my power I will maintain.

lands or rents is withdrawn or concealed, ye shall shewe it to the maior and to the Aldermen for the salvation of the right of the citty. And ready ye shalbe to come at the warning of the maior and sheriffs or their mynisters for good and wise counsell to giue, and to ride and goe with them at all tymes when neede shall be to mayntayne the state of this citty. Also ye shall attend to saue and mayntayne the right of orphans after the lawes and usages of this citty. Also ye shall sweare that ye shall take no money, reward, nor guift wittingly of any person for any matter moved and hanging before the maior, aldermen, or sheriffs, or before the maior of this citty of London for the tyme being. Also ye shall take no manner money nor other rewarde for any matter or cause moved or hanging in any courte of this citty wherein by reason of your office ye shall have any auethority or power, except only the fees to your office of old tyme due used and accustomed. Also ye shall beare all manner of taxes and all other charges to you to be levied within this citty during your office like as citizens of this citty shall doe for their parte. And thus ye shall doe. As GOD you helpe.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SHERIFFS.*

Proposed Declaration.

Ye shall sweare that ye shalbe good and true unto our Soveraigne the of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and unto heires and successors, and the ffranchise of the citty of London within and without ye shall saue and maynetayne to your power. And ye shall well and lawfully kepe the shires of London and Middlesex, and th' offices that to the same shires pertayne, to be done well and lawfully, ye shall doe after your witt and power. And right ye shall doe as well to poore as riche. And good customs ye shall none breake, ne evill custome arrere. And th' assize of bread, ale, and all other victualls within the ffraunchise of this citty and without, well and lawfully ye shall kepe and doe to be kept. And the judgements and executions of your courte ye shall not tarry without cause reasonable. Ne right shall ye none disturbe. And the writs that to you come, towching the state and ffraunchise of this cittie, ye shall not returne till ye haue shewed them to the maior and the counsell of this citty for the tyme being, and of them haue advisement. And ready ye shalbe at reasonable warnyng of the maior for keping of the peace and mayntayning the state of this citty, and all other things that longen to your office, and the keping of the said shires lawfully, ye shall doe by you and yours. And the citty ye shall kepe from harme after your power. And the shire of Middlesex, ne the gaole of Newgate, ye shall not lett to ferme. As GOD you helpe.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and unto her heirs and successors in the office of Sheriff, and the franchise of the city of London, within and without I will save and maintain to my power.

OATH TAKEN BY THE COMMON SERJEANT.

Proposed Declaration.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and lawfully serue the citty of London in the office of Coen Sergeaunt. And the lawes, usages, and fraunchises of the same citty ye shall kepe and defend, within the citty and without, after your witt and power. And the right of orphans of this citty ye shall pursue, saue, and mayntayne. And good and lawful counsell ye shall giue in all things towching the comon profitt of this citty. And the counsell of the same citty ye shall kepe. And the comon harme of this citty ye shall not knowe but ye shall, after your power, lett it or giue it in

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will well and lawfully serve the city of London in the office of Common Serjeant. And the laws, usages, and franchises of the same city I keep and defend, within the city and without after my wit and power. And the right of orphans of this city I will pursue, save,

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* A further oath taken by the Sheriffs, which it is recommended should be abolished, will be found at p. 7. They also take the usual oath of a Sheriff, which is given at p. 101, in accordance with the requirements, or supposed requirements, of the Act 5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 28.

knowledge to the counsell of this citty. And attendaunt ye shalbe on the maior, aldermen, and comons, for causes and needes of this citty, at all times when ye shalbe required, and charged, and in all places where neede is lawfully, to shewe and declare, and attendantly pursue, for the comon profitt of this citty. Also ye shall sweare that ye shall take no money, reward, nor guift of any person, for any matter to be moved, the which shall hang before the maior, aldermen, or sheriffs, or before the maior of the cittie of London for the tyme being. Also ye shall take no manner money nor other rewarde, for any matter or cause which shalbe moved, or hang in any courte of this citty, wherein, by reason of your office ye shall have any authority or power, except only the fees to your office of old tyme due, used, and accustomed. Also ye shall beare and paye all manner taxes, and all other charges to you, to be layed within this city, like as citizens of the same cittie shall doe for their part during your office.

and maintain. And good and lawful counsel I will give in all things touching the common profit of this city.

As GOD you helpe.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CORONER.

Proposed Declaration.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and lawfully serue the highness and the citty of London in the office of Coronor. And yee shall well and honestly entreate the people, the which shall come before you. And ye shall not lett for guift, ne for favor, for promise, ne for hate, but that true lawe and right ye shall doe to every man, as well poore as ritch, privy and straunge that shall haue to doe with you by reason of your office, and all things, the which before you shalbe done or saide lawfully, ye shall recorde and diligently make them to be enrolled, and the transcripts of the rolls every yere by a clarcke, at the coste of the citty, ye shall make to be written and delivered to the common clerck of the said citty, the same rolls to abide in the Guildhall of the said citty of record. And that none enquest abiuration, ne none other greate thing shall ye doe or recorde without the presence of the sheriffs, or of theire substitute, after the custome of this citty. And ready ye shalbe, at the commandement of the maior and governours of this citty, at all tymes when neede shall be, to come and doe your office. And ye shall not suffer to be put in enquest before you suspect ne procured persons by the party, but good, lawfull, and indifferent persons, ne nothing shall ye take by the which the shall leese or right be disturbed. And the citty, inasmuch as in you is, ye shall saue harmlesse. And all the customes and lib'ties of this citty, after your power, ye shall kepe and mayntayne. And in all other things that to your office perteyneth ye shall well and lawfully behaue you.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will well and lawfully serve the Queen's highness and the city of London in the office of Coroner. And I will well and honestly entreat the people who shall come before me. And that I will not let for gift nor for favour, for promise nor for hate, but that true law and right I will do to every man, as well poor as rich.

As GOD you helpe.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SECONDARIES.

Proposed Declaration.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and truly serue your maisters the Sheriffs of London and of Middlesex for the tyme being. And that ye shall not for guift, for favor, for promise, ne for hate, but that ye shall do even lawe and right to all manner of people, as well to poore as to rich, privy or strangers, which shall come afore you without mayntenaunce making of any quarell. And ye shall not suffer to your power other people to be somoned in enquests, nor sworne then be good and true and not of affynity nor procured by the party. Also the franchise of the said citty ye shall kepe and mayntayne to your power. And obeysaunt ye shalbe to the maior and judges of

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will well and truly serve my masters the Sheriffs of London and of Middlesex for the time being. And that I will not for gift, for favour, for promise, nor for hate, but that I will do even law and right to all manner of people, as well as to poor as to rich.

the same. And good counsell to them after your witt and power in all things towching the governaunce of the said citty and comon profitt of the people ye shall giue, their counsell ye shall kepe, noe man ye shall amerce higher than is by authority of Parliament ordayned. And that ye shall not suffer the ffermors to take any other custome that be not due and reasonable and of old tyme vsed in the said citty. And that the writs that come to you towching the state and franchise of this citty ye shall not retorne before you haue them shewed to the maior for the tyme being, and to the counsell of the said citty, and that ye haue of them advisement. And the yssues, fynes and amercyaments that shall come to you vnder greenewex or the pype truly ye shall levy and no pcell thereof ye shall encrease, and those y^{t} haue paid well and truly ye shall discharge, and the same ye shall not aske agayne, and y^{t} ye charge the yeomen of the sergeaunts by their othe which take cariage in the citty that they take no more of cariage then they ought to doe, nor that they shall grieve the people coming to the citty with their victuall by way of cariage for to haue anything of theirs. And that all exigents in the hustings of the said citty proclaymed duly without concealement ye shall enroll, and the same rolls to the comon clerck of the said citty ye shall surrender and delyver. And that in all other points that pertayne to your office ye shall well and truly behave you.

So God you helpe.

Oath taken by the Remembrancer.

Proposed Declaration.

Ye shall swear that ye shall be good and true to our Soveraigne the and to heires and lawfull successors and unto the citty of London. And the liberties and franchises of the same to your power ye shall maintain and defend, and the counsell of the said citty ye shall keep, and the harm of the same ye shall not know but ye shall open it unto the maior and aldermen of the same city for the tyme being, and attendant ye shall be upon the maior of the said city for the time being, and ready ye shall be at all times to come at the warning of the said maior, but if ye be letted about the business of this city, or by some other reasonable cause. Also resident and dwelling ye shall be within this city during your office. And all letters either from the Maj^{ty} or the Lords of Maj^{ties} most honorable privy counsell directed to the lord maior only, or the lord maior and court of aldermen, and which shall come to your hands and any way concern the state of this city, and the true copies of all answers which shall be made to the same; and the copies of all petitions made by the lord maior, alderman, and coialty, or any of them, to the Ma^{ty} or the lords of Ma^{ties} privy counsell for any matter concerning the state of this city, and which shall come to your hands, and all other things that to you belongeth to enter you shall truly enter into a fair book for the use of the city, unlesse you have expresse order from a court of aldermen to the contrary. Alsoe ye shall bear and pay all manner of taxes and all other charges to you to be laid within this city like as citizens of the same city shall doe for their parts during your office, and in all other things to your office pertaining well and lawfully ye shall behaue you.

I A.B. do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to Her heirs and lawful successors, and unto the city of London.

As God you helpe.

Oath taken by a Broker.

Proposed Declaration.

You shall sincerely promise and swear that you will truely and faithfully execute and perform the office and imployment of a Broker between party and party in all things appertaining to the duty of the said office and imployment, without ffraud or collusion to the best of your skill and knowledge.

So help you God.

I A.B. do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will truly and faithfully execute and perform the office and employment of a broker between party and party in all things appertaining to the duty of the said office and employment, without fraud or collusion to the best of my skill and knowledge.

Oath taken by the Clerks of the Papers.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and truly serve your maisters the sheriffs of London and of Middlesex for the tyme being. And that ye shall not for guift, for favor, for promise, ne for hate, but that ye shall doe even lawe and right to all manner of people, as well to poore as to ritch, privy or strangers, which shall come afore you without mayntenaunce making of any quarrell. And ye shall not suffer to your power other people to be somoned in enquests nor sworne then be good and true and not of affynity nor procured by the party. Also the fraunchise of the said citty ye shall kepe and mayntayne to your power. And obeysaunt yee shalbe to the maior and judges of the same. And good counsell to them after your witt and power in all things towching the governaunce of the said citty and comon profitt of the people ye shall giue, their counsell ye shall kepe, no man shall ye amerce higher than is by authority of Parliament ordeyned. And that the writts that come to you towching the state and franchise of this citty ye shall not retorne, before you haue them shewed to the maior for the tyme being, and to the counsell of the said citty, and that ye haue of them advisement. And the yssues, fynes, and amerciaments that come to you under greenewex or the pype truly ye shall levy, and noe parcell thereof ye shall encrease. And those that haue paid well and truly ye shall discharge, and the same ye shall not ask agayne. And in all other points that pertayne to your office ye shall well and truly behaue you.

So God you helpe.

Proposed Declaration.

I A.B. do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will well and truly serve my masters the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex for the time being.

Oath taken by the Swordbearer.

Ye shall sweare that ye shalbe good and true to our Soveraigne the of England, heires and lawfull successors, and well and truly ye shall behaue yo in your office of Swordbearer. And the right and worship of this citty ye shall maynetayne as farr as to you pertayneth. Also obeysaunt and attendaunt ye shalbe to the maior for the tyme being. And the counsell of this citty ye shall kepe. And the harme of the citty ye shall not knowe, but ye shall open it to the counsell of the same citty. And in all other poynts towching your office well and lawfully ye shall behaue you.

As God you helpe.

Proposed Declaration.

I A.B. do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, Her heirs and lawful successors, and well and truly I will behave myself in my office of Sword-bearer. And the right and worship of this city I will maintain as far as to me pertaineth. Also obeisant and attendant I will be to the mayor for the time being.

Oath taken by a Common Councillor.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall be true to our Soveraigne the heires and lawfull successors, and reddily come when ye be somoned to the comon counsell of this citty, but yf ye be reasonably excused. And good and true counsell ye shall give in all things towching the comon weale of this citty after your witt and cuning; and that for favor of any man ye shall mayntayne no singular profitt against the comon profitt of this citty; and after that ye be come to the comon counsell ye shall not from thence depart till the comon counsell be ended without a reasonable cause, or ells by the mayor's lycence. And also that all secrett things that be spoken or said in the comon counsell, the

Proposed Declaration.

I A.B. do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, Her heirs and lawful successors, and readily come when I be summoned to the Common Council of this city, unless I be reasonably excused. And good and true counsel I will give in all things touching the common weal of this city after my wit and cunning; and that for favour of any man I will maintain no singular profit against the common profit of this city; and after that I be

which ought to be kept secrett, ye shall in no wise disclose.

As GOD you helpe.

come to the Common Council I will not from thence depart till the Common Council be ended without a reasonable cause, or else by the mayor's licence. And also that all secret things that be spoken or said in the Common Council, the which ought to be kept secret, I will in no wise disclose.

OATH TAKEN BY THE QUEST MEN.

You shall swear that you shall truly enquire and presentment make of all such offences and nuisances as shall appear to you to be committed against the Majesty's person contrary to the law and the customs of this city. The Majesties' council, your fellows, and your own you shall well and truly keep as nigh as God shall give you grace.

So help you GOD.

Proposed Declaration.

I A.B. do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will truly inquire and presentment make of all such offences and nuisances as shall appear to me to be committed against Her Majesty's person contrary to the law and customs of this city. The Queen's Majesty's counsel, my fellows, and my own, I will well and truly keep, so nigh as God shall give me grace.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER OF THE WATERMEN AND LIGHTERMEN'S COMPANY.*

I, elected and approved Master of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames, do swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of the said office to the best of my power.

So help me GOD.

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., elected and approved Master of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully perform the duties of the said office to the best of my power.

OATH TAKEN BY THE WARDENS OF THE SAME COMPANY.

I, elected and approved Warden of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames, do swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of the said office to the best of my power.

So help me GOD.

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., elected and approved Warden of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully perform the duties of the said office to the best of my power.

OATH TAKEN BY A MEMBER OF THE SAME COMPANY.

I do swear that I will faithfully execute the office of a Member of the Court of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames, and during the time that I shall continue in the said office to the best of my abilities assist and counsel the Masters and Wardens

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully execute the office of a Member of the Court of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames, and during the time

* This and the two subsequent oaths have been returned among those administered to the officers of the Corporation of the City of London.

of the said Company for the time being in all matters and things relating to the welfare of the said Company.

So help me GOD.

that I shall continue in the said office to the best of my abilities assist and counsel the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being in all matters and things relating to the welfare of the said Company.

OATH TAKEN BY THE TOWN CLERK.

Proposed Declaration.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Soveraign Lady, the Queen, and to her heirs and lawful successors, and unto the city of London, and the liberties and franchises of the same to your power you shall maintain and defend. And the counsel of the said city you shall keep, and the harm of the same you shall not know but you shall disclose it unto the mayor and aldermen and common council of the said city for the time being. And attendant you shall be upon the mayor of the said city for the time being; and ready you shall be at all times to come at the warning of the said mayor, unless prevented by the business of this city, or by some other reasonable cause. And all proceedings that to you it belongeth to enter, you shall truly enter on record. And all things that come to your keeping, as well records as other things of the city you shall do your diligence safely to keep. You shall not, without lawful authority, show or deliver any record or other muniment of the city whereby the city may be hurt. And good counsel after your wit and power you shall give in all things touching the weal of this city. Also that you shall take no money, reward, nor gift of any person for any matter or cause moved or pending before the mayor, aldermen, sheriffs, or common council, or before the mayor of this city of London for the time being. Also you shall take no money nor other reward for any matter or cause moved or pending in any court of this city wherein by reason of your office you shall have any authority or power, except only the fees to your office due, and of right belonging. And in all other things to your office pertaining, well and lawfully you shall behave you.

As GOD you help.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and lawful successors, and unto the City of London as Town Clerk thereof, and in all other things to my office pertaining, well and lawfully will I behave myself.

By an Act of Common Council of February 1866, it was provided that thenceforward Declarations, in the form prescribed by the Act 5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 62. (see Appendix D., p. 300,) should be substituted for the under-mentioned Oaths, with regard to which, as well as to the Declaration made by a Bridgemaster (see p. 115.), it is recommended as follows:—

That there be substituted for the present forms of declaration other forms as short and simple as the special circumstances of each case may admit, binding the persons making them faithfully to discharge the duties undertaken.

OATH FORMERLY TAKEN BY THE CHAMBERLAIN.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and lawfully serue the citty of London in the office of Chamberleyn, and all that you have in warde towching the citty safely ye shall kepe, and the counsell of the city ye shall not discover. And the right of orphans ye shall saue and mayntayne as to you pertayneth. And no record ne none other muniment by the which the citty might be harmed, ye shall shewe ne delyver. And no recorde that conteyneth the right of any person, ye shall of malice conceale ne deny. Ne no person yee shall accept to the ffraunchise of the citty otherwise then it is ordayned. And the lands, tenements, and rents pertayning to the chamber duly ye shall sustayne. And the profitt of the citty in all that ye can by reason ye shall encrease. And the

harme of the citty ye shall not suffer, but after your power ye shall lett it either ells the maior and counsell of this citty that for the tyme shall be ye shall give knowledge thereof. And in all other things to your office perteyning well and lawfully ye shall behave you. As GOD you helpe.

OATH FORMERLY TAKEN BY THE JUDGE OF THE SHERIFF'S COURT, OR UNDER-SHERIFF OF LONDON.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and lawfully serue your maisters that bene or shall be Sherriffs of London and Middlesex for the tyme being. And ye shall not lett for favor, promise, ne for hate, but that true lawe and right ye shall doe to all people as well to poore as to ritch denizens as strangers that before you shall pleade without mayntenaunce of any quarrell. And all the plees that before you shall be pleaded lawfully ye shall record. And your diligence you shall doe to oversee them entered and enrolled at the suite and prayer of the party taking reasonably for the entry thereof. Also right ye shall none disturbe nor extortion to any person by reason of your office ye shall none doe. And judgment shall ye none tarry without a cause reasonable, and the ffraunchise of this citty ye shall allway maynteyne to your power. And obeysaunt ye shall be to the maior and judges of this city. And good counsell to them after your witt and power in all thinges towching the governaunce thereof and the coen profitt of the people of the same citty ye shall giue, and their counsell ye shall keepe. And no judgement against any ordynaunce made by the maior, aldermen, and common counsell of this citty not repealed ye shall giue. Alsoe ye shall sweare that ye shall take no manner money nor rewarde of any person for any matter or cause moved or hanging in your courte before you, except the fees to your office of old tyme due, used, and accustomed. Also ye shall beare and pay all manner taxes and all other charges to you to be layed within this citty during your office like as cittizens of the same citty shall doe for theire parts. And all these things ye shall doe. As GOD you helpe.

OATHS FORMERLY TAKEN BY THE UNDER-SHERIFF OF MIDDLESEX.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and lawfully serue your maisters that ben chosen sheriffs of London and of Middlesex for the yere next ensuing in th' office of Under-Sherifwick of the said county of Middlesex, right ye shall none disturb, ne extorcon to any person by color of your office ye shall not doe, and ye shall not lett for favor ne for promise, ne for hate, but that even lawe and right yee shall doe as well to poore as to ritch. Also the franchises of the citty ye shall kepe and mayntayne by your power. And obedient ye shalbe to the maior and the judges of the citty. And the writts that to you come towching the state and fraunchise of this citty ye shall not retorne till ye haue shewed them to the maior for the tyme being and the counsell of this citty and of them haue advisement. And the yssues, fynes, and amerciaments that to you cometh under greenwex or from the pipe lawfully ye shall arrere, and no parce thereof encrease nor conceale. And them that haue paid well and lawfully ye shall discharge and eftsoones it ye shall not aske. And ye shall not suffer after your power other people to be somoned in enquests ne juries, but such as been good and lawful, and not of affynity to your meting, ne procured by the party. And in all other things that to your office appteyneth you shall well and lawfully behaue you. As GOD you helpe.

I, will not use or exercise the office of Under-Sheriff corruptly during the time that I shall remain therein, neither shall or will accept receive, or take, by any colour, means, or device whatsoever, or consent to the, taking of any manner of fee or reward of any person or persons for ye impannelling or returning of any inquest, jury, or tales in any court of record, for the , or betwixt party and party, above two shillings or the value thereof, or such ffees as are allowed and appointed for the same by the laws and statutes of this realm, but will, according to my power, truly and indifferently

with convenient speed impannel all juries and return all such writ or writs touching the same as shall appertain to be done by my duty or office during the time yt I shall remain in the said office. So help me GOD.

OATH FORMERLY TAKEN BY THE KEEPER OF NEWGATE.

You shall sweare yt you shall well, truly, dillgently, and faithfully serve and execute the place and office of the keeper of the goale of Newgate, and safely keepe and well entreate all the prisoners that are nowe commytted to your charge or that shall at any tyme hereafter be committed to your custody, without taking or exacting of them or any of them any other duties or fees then of right have bene accustomed to be paid. And you shall ymprison and keepe all your prisoners in such manner as either by judgement in open Courte or by lawfull warrant shalbe appointed. And none of the same prisoners shall you delyver or suffer to goe at large without lawfull warrant in that behalf. Also, you shall from tyme to tyme, after reasonable request, pay over all such fees and somes of money to other officers of the cittie or countie of Midx. as in respect of theire severall places and offices, you shall take and receave for them of any prisoner within your charge. So helpe you GOD.

OATH FORMERLY TAKEN BY THE GOVERNOR OR THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE IRISH SOCIETY.

You shall swear that you shall well and faithfully execute the office or place of of the Society for the new plantation of the city of London, in Ulster, in the kingdome of Ireland, in all things according to the duty of the same office or place, to the best of your understanding and power.

So help you GOD.

OATH FORMERLY TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT OF THE SAME SOCIETY.

You shall swear that you shall well and faithfully execute the place of one of the assistants for the city's plantation in Ireland, and good and lawful council after your wit and cunning you shall give, and for and during so long time as you shall remain in that place, you shall, upon reasonable and convenient summons and warning, repair and make your personal attendance to the courts and other lawful meetings appointed for that society for the better despatch of the affairs and businesse of that plantation, unlesse you be let therefrom by some reasonable or lawful cause. So help you GOD.

OATH FORMERLY TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY OF THE SAME SOCIETY.

You shall swear that you shall well and faithfully execute the office or place of secretary to the society for the new plantation of the city of London in Ulster, in the kingdom of Ireland, in all things according to the duty of y^e^ same office, to the best of your understanding and power. So help you GOD.

OATH FORMERLY TAKEN BY THE COMMON CRIER AND SERJEANT AT ARMS.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and lawfully serue the citty of London in th' offices of Comon Cryer and Sergeaunt at Armes of the said citty, and the lawes and usages and franchises of the said citty kepe and defend within the citty and without, after your cuning and power. And the rights of th' orphanes of this citty ye shall pursue, saue and mayntayne to your power. Good diligence at all tymes ye shall giue to and for the same. The counsell of this citty and of this place ye shall kepe. The hurt of this citty ye shall not knowe, but that to your power ye shall it lett, and to the mynisters and

counsell of this citty ye shall doe it to be knowne. And the comon business of this citty at all times that ye shalbe required, in all places as neede shall require, ye shall diligently followe and pursue. Attendaunt ye shalbe upon the maior for the tyme being, and reedy ye shalbe at all tymes to come at the warnyng of the said maior, but if ye be letted about the business of this citty, or by some other reasonable cause. And in all things that to your said office belongeth, well and truly ye shall behaue you. As God you helpe.

Oath formerly taken by the Comptroller of the Chamber.

Ye shall sweare that ye shalbe good and profitable to the chamber of London and all things that shall concerne the lawfull encrease and weale thereof yee shall endevor you to doe to your power. The reparations of the tenements of the chamber and of all other comon easements of this citty, which are at the charge of the citty to be repayred, ye shall well and truly oversee in your owne person from tyme to tyme yf ye be not letted by a reasonable cause. And all maner stuff and workmanshipp that shalbe bought and occupied for and about the said repations and easements ye shall comptroll and thereof take and knowe the iust measure, number, weight, and quantity in your owne person ye shall doe, to be entred in your book all manner stuff, wages, and all charges of the chamber, and none entry make but such as be good and true. And if any workman ye shall knowe that is not good and hable for the said worke and reparations, or that duly cannot apply his businesse, ye shall present his name and his defaults to the chamberleyne of this citty for the tyme being. And ye shall truly obserue and kepe all manner of ordynaunces made or to be made, not repealed, concerning the ordring of the chamber. This, with all other things belonging to the office and duty of a good and true Comptroller ye shall doe. As God you helpe.

Oaths formerly taken by the Lord Mayor's and Sheriffs' Serjeants.

Ye (and every of you) shall sweare that ye shall well and lawfully behaue you in your office, and obeysant yee shalbe to the maior, aldermen, and judges of this citty and their worshipp in all that in you is saue. And no fynes and amerciaments greater then such as shalbe conteyned in the estreits that to you by the courte shalbe delivered of any person poore or rich ye shall take, ne none extortion under colour of your office to any person ye shall doe. And due and diligent execution of all those things that ye shalbe charged of by your Soveraignes of this citty lawfully and without delay ye shall performe, and in th' enquests good and lawfull people ye shall retorne. And not suspect ne procured with your assent. And none execution for your singuler profit ye shall tarry, and all the ordynaunces made by common counsell for the peace of our Soveraigne the and for profitt of the people after your witt and power ye shall kepe and mayntayne. And towards the comon people well and lawfully ye shall behaue you.

As God you helpe.

Ye shall also sweare that you haue not paide, given, promised, or assured, neither shall pay, giue, promise, or otherwise assure, directly or indirectly, any some of money or other rewarde to be giun, paid, or delivered to Mr. Sheriff your maister, or to any other, for or in respect of your admission into your roome or office contrary to an Act of Comon Counsell made and provided in that behalve the Nyne and twentieth day of Aprill, in the Six and twentieth yere of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, ets.

Oaths formerly taken by the Yeomen to the Sheriff's Serjeants.

Ye ahall sweare that ye shall be good and true to the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and by color of your office none extortion doe to any person, nor

take more cariage when ye be assigned thereto then needeth, ne no man grieve that cometh to the citty with victuall by way of cariage for to haue any thing of them. And such persons as ye shall take for cariage, as nigh as ye can, and to your knowledge shalbe of the next dwellers to the place whereunto the cariage shall be had for the ease of the subjects. And also ye shall no man arest for no notable debt, trespasse, ne none other contract personall above the somme of fforty shillings but in presence of a sargeant. And for and vnder the somme of fforty shillings, it shalbe lawful for you to arest all manner of forreyns and freemen for the some of twenty shillings and vnder and none otherwise. And ye shall haue at all tymes harneys convenient in your house or chamber that ye may be ready in every tyme of neede at your maister's commaundement. And all the ordyynaunces made by the comon counsell for the peace of our Soveraigne the and for the profitt of the people, after your witt and power ye shall keepe and mayntayne. And against the comon people well and peacebly ye shall behaue you.

As God you helpe.

Ye shall also sweare that you haue not paide, given, promised, or assured, neyther shall paye, giue, promise, or otherwise assure, directly or indirectly, any some of money or other rewarde to be giuen, payd, or delivered to Mr. Sheriff or to any other, for or in respect of your admission into your roome or office contrary to an Act of Comon Counsell made and provided in that behalf, the Nyne and twentieth day of Aprill, in the Six and twentieth yere of our late Soveraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth.

Oath formerly taken by the Beadles.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and honestly kepe the ward whereof ye be Beadel, and ye shall suffer no man noysed of robbery, either of evill lyving, ne huxtor of ale, ne woman houlding Burdell howse, ne other woman comonly sclaundered of evill and noysome lyfe, dwell within your warde, but ye shall forthwith shewe the names of them to th' alderman, to th' entent that he shall put them out of the warde within fyfteene daies, and if th' alderman do it not, ye shall anon after ffyfteene dayes lett the maior haue knowledg thereof; and if any man make affray or drawe sworde, knife, or other armor, yee shall doe weeting to the chamberleyne of the citty or the sheriffs, so that they may make levy by their sergeants of such misdoers, that which is ordayned for keeping of the peace of our Soveraigne the , and ye shall not knowe any pultry, mault, or corne, ne none other victuall receaved in private places or howses to be sould against the ordynaunces of this citty, but ye shall warne the maior and sheriffs thereof. And ye shall be no officer in courte spirituall during your office of Beadle. Also, ye shall not brewe nor none for you to sale: also, bakehowse shall ye none holde; also, regrator shall ye none be of any manner victuell, neither huxster of ale, neither porcioner with them; also, ye shall bring before the wardemote enquests of this citty the names of all the brewers, huxtors, inholders, pyebakers, cookes, and other y' shall sell ale contrary to th' assize statute and ordynaunces thereof made; and in all other things that to your office belongeth you shall well and truly behaue you.

As God helpe you.

Oath formerly taken by the Bailiff of Southwark.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and lawfully behaue you in the office of the Bayliwick of the burrough of Southwark. And extortion vnder color of your office shall ye none doe. And all the liberties and franchises concerning the same borough, graunted vnto the maior and comynalty of the citty of London by the our Soveraigne, or noble progenitors, ye shall keepe and mayntayne after your witt and power. And ye shall make a true accompte to the chamberleyne of this citty for the tyme being, of all such fees, proffitts, and advauntages, as shall or maye come to your hands, or any of

yours, by reason of the said office yerely, as long as ye shall occupy the same. And ye shall keepe, or cause to be kept, in the said borough of Southwarke a court, as a court baron ought to be kept, from three weekes to three weekes. And thus shall ye do. As God helpe you.

Oath formerly taken by the Cornmeters.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall indifferently measure all manner of corne that to you belongeth for to measure. And iust measure you shall give to every person, as well to poore as to ritch, without parciallity shewing or favor. And yee shall buy noe corne but onely to your owne vse and for your household, and in noe wise for to vtter or sell agayne as long as ye shall stand in your office. Also ye shall take no more for your labor for the measuring or meating of any manner of corne, but as of old tyme it hath bene ordayned and vsed. And thus ye shall doe. As God help you.

Oath formerly taken by the Oyster Meters.

Ye shall sweare that ye shall indifferently measure all oysters that to you belongeth for to measure, and iust measure ye shall give to every person, as well to poore as to ritch, without partialyty shewing or favor. And ye shall buy no oysters but to your owne vse, and in no wise to vtter or sell agayne as long as you shall stand in your office. Also ye shall take no more for your labor for the measuring or meating of oysters but as of old tyme it hath been ordayned or vsed. Also ye shall make no deputy for to meat or measure any oysters, but if ye bring the same deputy afore the maior for the tyme being, there to be sworne duly and truly for to occupy the same office. And this yee shall doe. As God helpe you.

Oath formerly taken by a Fruitmeter.

You shall swear that you shall not measure, not mete any manner of onions, fruit, or roots accustomed to be measured coming to the city of London by water until such time as you have the permit of the mayor of the said city for the time being. Also you shall truly measure all manner of onions, fruit, and roots, that to you belongeth for to measure, and just measure you shall give to every person, as well to poor as to rich, without partiality or favor. And you shall buy no onions, fruit, or roots, but to your own use, in no wise to utter or sell again so long as you shall stand in your office. Also you shall take no more for your labour for the measuring and meeting of any manner of onions, fruit or roots, but as of all time it hath been ordained and used. And you shall make no deputy for to mete or measure any manner of onions, fruit, or roots, but that you bring the same deputy before the mayor for the time being there to be sworn duly and truly for to occupy the said office. And this you shall do. As God help you.

Declaration made by the Bridge-Master.

By another Act of Common Council of February 1866, the oath required to be taken by Bridge-Masters, being unsuited to the duties of their office, was abolished, and the following declaration prescribed in its place:—

I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will faithfully serve the City of London in the office of Bridge-Master, and duly perform all the duties appertaining to such office; and I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of his Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled an Act

to repeal an Act of the present session of Parliament, intituled an Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various departments of the State, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the more entire suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits, and to make other provisions for the abolition of unnecessary Oaths.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS (ENGLAND AND WALES.)

By the Municipal Reform Act (5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 76.) certain declarations, given at p. 26, are prescribed to be taken by officers of Municipal Corporations in England and Wales. In many cases, however, the old oaths of office, which were in use before the passing of the Municipal Reform Act, and which were administered either in accordance with the ancient charters of the boroughs or by reason of ancient usage, are in use at the present time and are administered *together with* the declarations prescribed by the Act. All such oaths (except the oath of a Justice of the Peace, given at p. 102, which is also in use in several boroughs *together with* the declaration prescribed by the Act,) are given below (pp. 116–161), under the heads of the several boroughs in which they are administered. It will be seen that in many boroughs there are other officers than those for whom the Act prescribes declarations, who are required to make oath on accepting office. It is recommended—

That all these ancient oaths should be disallowed, and that in future all officers in boroughs should make declarations in similar forms to those provided by the Municipal Reform Act.

ENGLAND.—BANBURY.

Oath taken by the Billett Master.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and the Mayor of this borough, in the place and office of Billett Master, of and for the said borough, to the best of your power and skill, without favour or affection. So help you God.

Oath taken by a Serjeant-at-Mace.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and the Mayor of this borough, in the place and office of a Serjeant-at-the-Mace. You shall endeavour to the utmost of your power and skill to do, execute, and serve all writs, processes, and warrants which shall be directed and brought to you, without favour and affection, and in all other things appertaining to the said office you shall well and truly behave yourself.
So help you God.

Oath taken by the Inspector of Weights and Measures.

You shall swear that you, and every of you, shall try the steel weights and measures within this borough according to the standard of this realm and the custom of the said borough, without favour or affection. So help you God.

BATH.

Oath taken by the Bailiff.

I, A.B., do make oath that I will rightly, well, and faithfully do and execute the office of Bailiff of the city and borough of Bath, in all things touching the same, and shall make, do, and execute all other things necessary to be done touching the keeping of the gaol within this city and borough, and the persons committed or to be committed thereto, as unto me shall be given in precept or commandment, according as the law shall require, and according to the liberties and franchise granted to the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of the said city, as near as God shall give me grace. So help me God.

BEVERLEY.

Oath taken by a Burgess and Freeman.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, her heirs and lawful successors, and true faith and lawful obedience bear to the Mayor of this town, and his successors mayors of the same for the time being. You shall obey all the lawful orders and decrees made within the same for the good government of this town and borough, and also to the utmost of your power maintain all the liberties, freedoms, and privileges granted to this town. So help you God.

BISHOP'S CASTLE.

Oath taken by the Bailiff.

You shall during the time of your office, with all your power, knowledge, and diligence, see and provide that the Queen's Majesty's peace within this town and liberties be kept and preserved, and that all such as shall break or violate the same be severely punished. You shall to the utmost of your power arrest and apprehend all felons and other disorderly persons, and see that they and every of them be punished according as the law in those cases doth require. You shall also, to the utmost of your knowledge and power, preserve, keep, defend, and maintain all manner the laws, orders, ordinances, grants, liberties, jurisdictions, privileges, exemptions, customs, authorities, freedoms, and franchises of this borough, and that none of them be infringed, impaired, broken, or violated through you or by your consent or procurement. You shall in all cases and causes, matters, suits, actions, and quarrels depending before you in court, or out of court, between party and party, be an equal and indifferent judge; and in all the same causes, matters, and suits give judgment according as law and equity requireth to the best of your knowledge; and after judgment given you shall see and provide that the same judgment be executed effectually, and that all parties have full and perfect execution of all recoveries had before you or any of your predecessors. You shall not make any grant, gift, demise, or lease of any the lands, tenements, rents, reversions, hereditaments, or goods of this borough, but openly in the Guildhall, by the consent of the major part of the burgesses of this borough there assembled. You shall not put the town seal to any writing but in the Guildhall, in the presence of your bretheren the burgesses inhabiting in the said borough being lawfully summoned for that purpose. You shall, at or before the feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist (if it be thought requisite), require and take the accounts of the Bailiff your predecessor, and of the serjeants and chamberlains for their several offices, or otherwise proceed against them as in the order for passing accounts in that behalf is required. And you shall also for your part after your office ended (if required) give a true account of your office to your successor. You shall not suffer the several charters or town seal to be out of your custody, or out of a chest for that purpose to be provided; nor to be delivered to any without the consent of the major part of the fifteen head burgesses at the least. And you shall do all other things appertaining to your office of Bailiff.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Coroner.

You shall carefully and diligently, when occasion shall be ministered, be ready and forthcoming to enquire by sufficient jurors upon the view of any dead body who died by any sudden misadventure, or any other accident, within this borough, how that dead body came to his untimely death. You shall make true return of such verdict as those jurors shall make according as the law requireth, and certify all your inquisitions at the next assizes after the said inquisition made. And you shall be a diligent conservator of the Queen's Majesty's peace, and do all other things as to the office of Coroner do appertain.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Recorder.

You shall bear true faith and allegiance to the Queen's Majesty our Sovereign Lady, her heirs and successors, and also be a true and faithful burgess and member of this town and borough. You shall also to the utmost of your power maintain, preserve, and keep the liberties, freedoms, franchises, privileges, immunities, and jurisdictions of this Corporation, and not suffer the same to be infringed, violated, or broken by your consent, means, or procurement. You shall at all times (when you conveniently may) be willing and ready to help and assist the Bailiff and magistrates of this town with your best advice and grave councill, for the good rule, order, and government of this borough, and to the utmost of your power, wit, and knowledge in all ambiguous and doubtful cases when your councill and advice shall be sought therein. You shall judge and determine therein according to the equity and justice, without any partiality or respect of persons. And in all matters and causes depending in court or out of court between party and party (when your judgment shall be demanded), you shall be an equal and indifferent judge; and you shall do all other things as to your office of Recordership within this borough do belong and appertain. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Serjeants-at-Mace.

You shall well and truly during the time of your office, with all your power, wit, and knowledge, see and provide that the peace of Her Majesty be within this town kept and preserved, and they which break the same be duly punished. You shall apprehend, arrest, and take all traitors, fellons, vagrants, and sturdy beggars, and see that every of them be punished in their degrees according to the Queen's laws in that case made and provided. You shall to the utmost of your power preserve, keep, defend, and maintain all manner of laws, orders, ordinances, grants, privileges, exemptions, customs, authorities, and liberties of the said town, and that none of them be infringed or broken through you or by your consent or procurement. You shall also truly and without delay serve and execute all lawful warrants, processes, levaries, precepts, and capias's to you directed, and make a true and just return thereof, without delay in payment of such recoveries as shall come to your hands. You shall also make indifferent returns of juries between party and party. And you shall collect and levy the fines, issues, and amerciaments due to the Bailiff and burgesses, according to the estreats to you to be delivered, and thereof yield a true and just account at or before Saint Luke's tide after the end of your office, and return the rolls of the estreats and amerciaments to be delivered at the end of your office to the town clerk. You shall enter all arrests by you made, and not dispence with any except the draughts of books be first paid to the use of the Bailiff and burgesses. And you shall be obedient and serviceable to the Bailiff, Justice, and Recorder of this town in all their lawful commands as touching your office, and do all other things as to your office appertain.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Chamberlain.

You shall for the year of your office well and truly endeavour to collect, gather, and levy all such the rents, issues, and profits due and payable to the Bailiff and burgesses of this said town. You shall also set and let all such standings belonging to the Bailiffs and burgesses of this town, usually to be

set, to the best benefit and commodity of this town for this year following. And you shall also endeavour to yield a true and just account of your doings touching your office, at or before the feast of Saint Luke's tide, or when called upon for that purpose after your office ended. You shall pay to the Recorder for his fee for this present year, due at May next, out of the rents, issues, and profits raised and to be raised for the town, the sum of forty shillings, and also forty shillings to the Queen's Majesty or the lord of this manor. And you shall do all other things as to your office belong for the common weal of this borough.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CONSTABLES.

You shall be true and faithful subjects of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors, in word and deed. You shall during the time of your office to the utmost of your power see that the Queen's Majesty's peace be duly kept and preserved, and you shall do your best endeavour to take and apprehend all such as go about to break and violate the same, to the end they may be punished. You shall apprehend all rogues, vagabonds, wandering and idle persons, sturdy beggars, and suspected persons within this borough, and see them duly punished by such corporal punishments as the law requires; and to that end and purpose you shall see and provide that the stocks and whipping stock be sufficiently provided and maintained. You shall be always during your office helping, aiding, and assisting the Bailiff, Justice, and Recorder of this borough in suppressing all outrages and misdemeanors. You shall see the Queen's watch duly summoned and appointed when time requireth. And also gather all subsidies, taxes, and other impositions and payments due to Her Majesty, and diligently serve all precepts and mandates as shall be to you directed, and make true return thereof. And faithfully and truly do all other services as to your office of Constable do appertain.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE TOWN CLERK.

I will during the time of my office of Town Clerk deal equally and indifferently between party and party in all matters depending in court or out of court, which to my office belong to be done and executed. I will not wittingly or corruptly suffer the records of this town remaining in my custody to be embezzled, wasted, or altered in any matter of substance, but only for matters of form, without license of the Bailiff. I will during the time of my office, by myself or deputy, at all convenient times be helping, aiding, and assisting the Bailiff, Justice, and Recorder for the time being, when need shall require, in the necessary affairs of this borough as to my office belongeth. And do all other things which to my said office of Town Clerk do appertain.

So help me GOD.

BOSTON.

OATH TAKEN BY A MARKET JURYMAN.

You shall diligently inquire of all false weights and measures used within this borough, and break, burn, or otherwise destroy the same, and present such persons who shall have used the same, or in whose custody the same shall be found. You shall also present all such persons as shall use any weights and measures not stamped according to law, and all forestallers, engrossers, and regraters of provisions; and also the Deputy Clerk of the Market, if he take any common fine to excuse offenders, or any greater fees than are given by the statutes, or warranted by ancient custom of this borough, and all persons exposing to sale any unwholesome and corrupt victuals, whether wine, ale, beer, bread, flesh or fish, and all these things you shall do, and everything else belonging to the office of the Market Jury, during this present year, to the best of your skill and knowledge, without malice, fear, favour, or affection.

So help you GOD.

BRIDGNORTH.

Oath taken by a Burgess.

I shall true Burgess be, scot and lot bear, harm nor prejudice I shall none do, nor know any to be done to this borough town of Bridgnorth, but I shall to my power let the same, or else give the Mayor for the time being and the burgesses of the same borough knowledge thereof, and in all things shall well and truly demean and behave myself towards the Mayor of the same borough as far as to my power shall extend. So help me God.

Oath taken by the Coroner.

I do swear that I will well and truly execute the office of Coroner for the borough of Bridgnorth, and all things belonging to the said office I will well and truly do and perform according to the best of my knowledge.

So help me God.

Oath taken by the Town Clerk.

I do swear that I will well and truly execute the office of Town Clerk for the borough of Bridgnorth, and will behave myself towards the present Mayor and his successors for the time being as I ought in respect of my said office; and I will safely keep and preserve all records, deeds, and writings that belong to the said corporation as shall at any time come to my hands, and deliver the same to the Mayor for the time being, when by him required; and I will truly and diligently do and accomplish all other things belonging to my said office according to the best of my knowledge. So help me God.

BRIDGWATER.

Oath taken by the Mayor.

You shall well and truly execute the office of Mayor and Mayoralty within this borough of Bridgwater and the precints, liberties, and franchies thereof in all things touching the said office. You shall cause the peace to be kept within the said borough as much as in you lyeth, and shall conserve and keep the statutes of labourers and artificers, and shall also keep and cause to be kept amended and corrected as need shall require the weights and measures within the said borough, liberties, and precints thereof, and shall repress and punish riots and routs to the best of your power, and do the best you may for the keeping and observing of such privileges, liberties, and franchises as are granted to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of this borough, and shall do your best endeavour for the good rule and government of this town and the people thereof, and shall do indifferent justice to all men, as well to poor as rich, and be partial with or against no party, but shall do all things according to the laws of this realm and the liberties of this town as much as in your power lyeth, and shall well and truly behave yourself in all things that belongs to your said office to the best of your power. So help you God.

BRISTOL.

Oath taken by a Burgess.

You shall be good and true unto her Majesty Queen Victoria and to the heirs and successors of the said Queen, and to the Lieutenant, Master Mayor of the city of Bristol, and the ministers of the same; in all causes reasonable you shall be obedient and assistant.

You shall keep the franchises and customs of this city, and also the Queen's peace here you shall endeavour yourself to keep and maintain.

You shall be contributory to all manner of summons, as watches, taxes, lots, scots, and other charges within this city, to your power.

You shall know none unlawful assemblies, riots, or routs, purposed to be made against the Queen's laws or peace, but you shall withstand them to your

power, or warn Master Mayor for the time being thereof, or some of the head officers of this city, as speedily as you can.

You shall not colour the goods of any foreigner or stranger, or know any foreigner or stranger to buy and sell with another foreigner within the precincts of this city, but you shall give knowledge thereof unto the Town Clerk of this city without delay.

You shall not implead or sue any burgess of this city in any court out of this city for any matter whereof you may have sufficient remedy within this city.

You shall not take any apprentice that is bond of blood, and none other except he be born under the Queen's obeysance, and for no less term than seven years, and that he be bound by indentures to be made by the Town Clerk of this city for the time being, or by his clerk, and at the end of his term, if he have truly served you all his term, you shall, if he require you to it, present him to Master Mayor to be made a burgess.

You shall not take or wear the livery or cloathing of any lord, gentleman, or other person, but only your own, or your craft's, or of Master Mayor, or of the Lord High Steward of this city, or of the Sheriffs of the same, so long as you shall be dwelling within this city.

You shall make no oath or promise by way of confederacy, contrary to the Queen's laws. So help you GOD by the holy contents of this Book.

OATH TAKEN BY THE WATER BAILIFF.

You shall duly and truly execute and use the office of Water Bailiff within the port of Bristol, and no excessive fees take for the executing of your office otherwise than you ought to take of right. All precepts to you directed by the courts of this city you shall duly and diligently serve, and the same precepts truly return the next court after the execution thereof, and the sums of money or other goods which shall come to your hands by reason of your office to the use of other persons you shall truly and wholly deliver to the persons that ought of right to have it, or bring it into the court at all times when you shall be commanded, and all other things that belong to your office well and truly execute and do. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE TIMBER MEASURERS.

You shall well and truly execute the office of Measurers of Timber and Boards within the city of Bristol and the liberties thereof for this year next coming, and all such timber as shall be brought to this city to be sold in the mean time you shall measure truly and indifferently between the buyer and seller without favour, affection, or partiality, so near as God shall give you grace. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A BROKER.

I, A. B., do sincerely promise and swear, That I will truly and faithfully execute and perform the office and employment of a Broker between party and party in all things appertaining to the duty of the said office and employment, without fraud or collusion, to the best of my skill and knowledge, and according to the tenor and purport of the Act, intituled, "An Act for the Admission and Regulation of Brokers within the City of Bristol."

So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A GUAGER.

I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely swear to perform the duty or office of City Guager, and justice do between party and party to the utmost of my power and skill. So help me GOD.

CANTERBURY.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MAYOR.

You shall swear that you shall do and minister your office of Mayoralty well, truly, and diligently, as well to the poor as to the rich, to a stranger as to a

neighbour, in fulfilling of justice after the liberties, franchises, usages, and customs to the citizens of this city by divers kings granted and used; and the customs, usages, and ordinances of the said city approved for the common wealth and profit thereof you shall exercise and use; and the markets of all manner of victuals in due order keep; and all other manner of profits touching the office of Mayoralty and Clerk of the Market and Escheator of the said city, according to right and conscience for and to the common weal of the said city to employ. And all great things and matters touching this city you shall not do without the assent of the Aldermen and of the Common Council of the said city. You shall make no new exaction in the commonalty without the assent of the Council,* nor amerciament, nor fines, but after the quantity of the trespass. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE COMMON CLERK.

You shall swear and true faith make unto the Mayor of this city in the name of the whole city to be indifferent between party and party, and between the Queen and party in all particular causes determinable in this city before you, as well in the courts of sessions and burghmotes as in the common courts holden and to be holden in this city. And that you hinder no man's matter for malice or for favour otherwise than the law wills, but to give lawful advice and counsel in any cause hanging, or that shall hang, before the said Mayor, and to delay no party without cause reasonable, but truly to minister justice in all causes determinable in this court as far as your knowledge and discretion will extend, and to see the records of this city to be made perfect according to the matter pleaded before you, and them faithfully to be delivered; and that you be not willingly misled in any matter, but truly to enter, or see to be entered, all manner of plaints, pleas, returns of writs, judgments, and executions, and truly to estreat all the issues, fines, and amerciaments assessed and affixed within the said courts; and that you be not of counsel with any party within the said courts, but to be indifferent between party and party, and that you discover not the privy council of this city to the hurt of the same; and notwithstanding your fees that you have or shall have in other places, you shall never let for fear or for affection, to speak, maintain, and defend faithfully and boldly the liberties, privileges, and franchises for the right of the said city, after the form of law in all causes between the said city or any other party; and shall well and faithfully execute your office in all things to the utmost of your power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE RECORDER.

You shall swear and true faith make unto Master Mayor of this city, in the name of the whole city, to be indifferent between party and party and between the Queen and party in all particular causes determinable in this city before you, as well in the courts of sessions and burghmotes as in the common courts holden in this city; and that you hinder no man's matter for malice or for favour otherwise than the law wills, but to give lawful advice and counsel in any cause hanging or that shall hang before the said Mayor, and to delay no party without cause reasonable, but truly to administer justice in all causes determinable within this court as far as your knowledge and discretion will extend; and that you be not of counsel with any party within this court, but to be indifferent, as you shall swear to be; and that you discover not the privy council of this city to the hurt of the same; and notwithstanding your fees which you have or else shall have in other places, you shall never let for fear nor affection to speak, maintain, and defend faithfully and boldly the liberties, privileges, and franchises for the right of the same, after the form of law in all causes between the said city and any other party. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CORONER.

You shall swear that well and faithfully you shall serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty and her liege people in the office of a Coroner, and as

* Originally Burghmote.

Coroner of this city and county of the same; and therein you shall diligently and truly do and accomplish all and every thing and things appertaining to your office after the best of your knowledge, wit, and power, both for the Queen's profit and the good of the inhabitants of this city, taking such fees as you ought to take by the laws and statutes of this realm, and not otherwise. So help you GOD.

CHRISTCHURCH.

OATH TAKEN BY A BURGESS.

You shall true faith bear to our Sovereign Lady the Queen. You shall be a faithful Burgess of this borough, and the same in your now calling according to the antient grants maintain. You shall maintain the antient grants made to your predecessors the antient burgesses and to you now a burgess with your best help and counsel in all orderly government, and in no wise to be prejudicial to the same. You shall not take to the intent to carry away any evidence, muniment, escript, or scrowl, which doth or may appertain to the Mayor and Burgesses, or their successors, out of their cōmon hall or common quoffer without the consent and orderly agreement of the Mayor for the time being and the greatest part of your fellow burgesses. You shall do all things lawful and honest to the upholding, governing, and maintaining of all such rights as are appropriated and belonging to the burgesses and others the inhabitants of this borough by all orderly government for the cōmons to them of right belonging. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MAYOR.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors, in the office of a Mayor of this borough until the 14th day of September next ensuing, and until another shall be elected and sworn in your room. And the same borough you shall safely guard and keep on the behalf of our Soverign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors, and the Queen's profits shall maintain that belongeth unto you and her right shall save. You shall not consent to any concealment against the said borough, be it lands, rents, or franchises, but shall cause it to be revealed if you know any. You shall do no wrong for hatred or malice to any within your liberty, either strangers or natives. You shall see all good and laudable orders and the peace of the Queen to be observed and kept. And all other things appertaining to the Mayor of the said borough you shall well and truly do to the utmost of your power. So help you GOD.

COLCHESTER.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREE BURGESS.

You shall bear faith and truth to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs, and lawful successors, and all earthly worship, and namely for the amendment of the borough of Colchester, so that no evil or grievance you shall do to the borough of Colchester by yourself nor by any of yours, nor see to be done by any other person, but you shall let it to your power to the Mayor and Aldermen of the said borough thereof warn or cause to be warned. You shall be obedient to the Mayor of this borough, and to his ministers for the time being, in all rightful commandments. You shall be helping and not disturbing to all the goods, chattels, and profits in time coming to the said borough, and of right appertaining, coming, and befalling to be raised and to be kept to the benefit, use, and profit of the said borough, with all your wisdom and power, and the counsel of the Mayor and commonalty of this town well and truly you shall keep with all your power, goods, and chattels at all times, in which you shall be required, and assessed in all manner of reasonable aids, charges, and helps, to the said borough befalling or needful (whatever it be) and if any toll, custom, goods, chattels, or any other profits to the same borough belonging, shall by any manner of persons be led or borne away unpaid, the same person or persons well and truly you shall let, and take them, or cause them to be

taken, and the same to the treasurer of the aforesaid borough (for the time being) you shall deliver them, or cause to be delivered, and that under colour of your freedom you shall not maintain or sustain any manner of goods or merchandizes of any manner of foreign person deceiveably, to put away the rightful customs and profits of such foreign goods and merchandizes, to the same borough belonging, and all manner of good constitutions, ordinances usages, and franchises, as well of new as of old constituted or ordained, or to be ordained, in the said borough, upon your might, you shall keep, sustain, and maintain. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MAYOR.

You shall swear to serve our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria in the office of Mayor of this town, sparing none for love, favour, hatred, gift, or promise, but that reason and right be done to every one. The writs and mandates, as well for our Sovereign Lady the Queen as for the suit of the party unto you sent, you shall return according to that that you shall see fit and put in your discretion and counsel. You shall not be judge and party with any person, and you shall be diligent to do all those things which to a Mayor of this town do belong at the days and places as need shall require. And all just profits of the town aforesaid, and which shall be due to the commonalty of the town of right or custom by the common clerk of the town, you shall make to be inrolled, no parcel thereof taking to yourself, concealing, or detaining; and that you shall cause the auditors of the account to come to hear and determine the account according to the ordinance thereof made. The good constitutions and ordnances, customs, and liberties of the town aforesaid you shall faithfully maintain and sustain. You shall abstain from selling victuals by retail by you or your deputies during the term of your office, as is ordained by the statute. But as to the sale of victuals and sight of measures you shall duly see and order. The public peace within the town aforesaid to your utmost power you shall keep and make to be kept. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CORONER.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and her liege people in the office of a Coroner, and as one of Her Majesty's Coroners of this town and the liberties thereof, and therein you shall diligently do and accomplish all and everything and things appertaining to your office after the best of your cunning, wit, or power, both for the Queen's profit and the good of the inhabitants within this town and the liberties thereof, taking such fees as you ought to take by the laws and statutes of this realm, and not otherwise. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE TOWN CLERK.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of this town in the office of Town Clerk of this town and borough of Colchester, and truly to see all plaints, actions, process, and matters in the courts to be holden before Mr. Mayor, the Aldermen, and Burgesses of this town by you or your deputy, according to the customs and liberties of this town, to be entered and recorded as they ought to be, after the best of your cunning, wit, or power, taking for the same only your due fees and no more, and the perquisites, issues, profits, and amerciaments of the same courts you shall justly and truly write and extract yearly for the levying and gathering thereof, and shall truly and diligently do and accomplish all other things appertaining to your said office after the best of your knowledge as near as GOD shall give you grace. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CHAMBERLAIN.

You shall swear that you will well and faithfully deliver all the estreats of the rolls of all the courts and hundreds of Colchester which you shall receive by the hands of the common clerk of this town unto the sergeants of this town, by the view and assent of the Mayor of this town, from time to time, and a faithful account of the same you shall receive, and to the Mayor and Aldermen

of the said town a faithful account shall render, of all the profits of the said town at the days which are ordained for the same, and no money thereof, without the consent and allowance of the eleven Aldermen, or 6 or 5 of them with the Mayor, you shall deliver, and you shall finish and end your account before the third day of January after the end of your year, according to the constitution in that behalf made or to be made. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE HEADMEN FOR THE ELECTION OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, CORONERS, CLAVIERS, A CHAMBERLAIN, AND FOUR SERGEANTS-AT-MACE.

You four being nominated and chosen to be headmen for the four several wards within this town, shall swear that you and every one of you shall out of every ward for which you are chosen headmen elect and nominate two of the assistants or counsels of this town, and three other free Burgesses of this borough, to be with you of the election for the chusing of Justices of the Peace, Coroners, Claviers, Chamberlain, and Sergeants-at-Mace to serve this borough in the offices aforesaid and after the said assistants or councellors and free burgesses so by you elected and chosen shall be sworn, you four together with them (being of the number of four and twenty persons), shall proceed to the electing and chosing of four justices of the peace, two coroners, four claviers, a chamberlain, and four sergeants at mace to serve this borough in the offices and places aforesaid respectively for the year now next ensuing, you shall elect the wisest, discreetest, ablest, fittingest and profitablest men for the places and offices aforesaid, laying aside all by respect whatsoever, envy, hatred, and malice, and not regarding love, favour, affection, gift, reward, or corruption, you shall freely, faithfully and conscionably proceed in the election aforesaid according to the best of your skills, wisdom, and discretions.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SERGEANTS-AT-MACE.

You and every one of you shall swear that you will well and truly serve the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of this town in the office of a Sergeantship, and as Sergeants of this town, for and during the space of one whole year now next ensuing, and shall well and faithfully serve, do, and execute all and all manner of precepts, actions, warrants, and commandments to you and every of you to be lawfully given and directed touching or concerning any matter, cause, or process to be moved, had, or depending in the Queen's Majesty's courts to be holden in this town, according to the liberties thereof, and shall make due returns and answers thereto, and make certificates thereof, according to the effect of such precepts, actions, warrants, and commandments, taking therefore your ordinary fees and no other, and also that you shall diligently give attendance unto Mr. Mayor, and wait upon him as hath been accustomed, and as you ought to do, and his commandments truly you shall execute, and not alter the same so that it may be prejudicial or hurtful to the said Mayor or any other, and likewise you shall give attendance and be aiding and assisting unto the constables of this town in anything that they or any of them shall reasonably command you, and you shall diligently and truly do all things appertaining to your said office to the utmost of your power.

So help you GOD.

CONGLETON.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MAYOR.

You shall be faithful and true, and faith and truth shall bear to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors. You shall well and truly serve Her Majesty in the office of Mayor, unto which you be chosen and elected within Her Majesty's town and borough of Congleton, you seeing Her Majesty's peace well and truly kept and observed. The laws and statutes now in force you shall duly put in execution, and the offenders punish according to law. And if any unlawful games be used within this borough, you shall suppress

the same. And such recognizances as you shall take for the peace or good behaviour you shall present to the sessions next after to be holden and kept within the county of Chester after the taking thereof. The lawful antient liberties, usages, privileges, customs, and jurisdictions of this town and corporation you shall to your power advance and maintain. And all other things appertaining to your office of Mayor within the town and the liberties thereof you shall well and truly observe and do or cause to be done.

So help you GOD, and by the contents of that Book.

COVENTRY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

I do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and that I will be obedient unto the Mayor and magistrates of this city. The lands, liberties, franchises, and lawful customs thereof I will maintain, and the same in all that I can or may lawfully defend and keep harmless. I will be tributary to all contributions, taxes, tollages, summons, watch, scot, and lot, and all other charges to be laid within this city, bearing my part as any other freeman shall or ought. I will maintain and defend the Queen's peace in that I may; and if I shall know of any gatherings or conspiracies moved or made against the Queen's peace, I will let the Mayor or justices of this city know the same. I will not withhold or impair, nor conceal the withholding or impairing any evidences or charters belonging to this city, but will warn the Mayor or justices of this city of the same. I will not colourably bear or seem to bear or allow any horse, mare, gelding, colt, filly, cow, or heifer, or other cattle of any other man's but of my own, upon any of the commons of this city. All which points and articles I do swear well and truly to keep, according to the laws of God and this realm and the lawful customs of this city. So help me GOD.

DERBY.

OATH TAKEN BY THE TOWN CLERK, CLERK OF THE PEACE, AND CORONER.

I, A.B., of the Borough of Derby, Gentleman, having been appointed to the office of for the said Borough, do hereby make oath that I will well, truly, and faithfully do and execute all and singular such things as to the said office of shall appertain. So help me GOD.

DONCASTER.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear that you shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to the best of your power shall assist the Mayor and other officers of this town, and you shall also well and truly observe and keep all such orders and rules as are or shall be made, ordained, or established by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of this town and corporation for the good government thereof, and according to the best of your skill and power shall uphold and maintain all the liberties, customs, orders, and rules of this town and corporation, and such other matters and things as concern a freeman.

So help you GOD.

DOVER.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear that the charters, liberties, free customs, decrees and ordinances of the whole ports and of the limbs and precincts thereof, and especially of this borough of Dover, to your power you shall well and truly

maintain and keep. You shall be obedient and assistant to Mr. Mayor for the time being as well in keeping the Queen's Majesty's peace as also in observing all good orders and decrees heretofore made or to be made for the most benefit and better government of this borough which belong to a freeman thereof.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A DEPUTY WATER BAILIFF.

You shall swear that the charters, liberties, and free customs of this borough to your power you shall well and truly maintain and keep; the office of Deputy Water Bailiff of this borough you shall duly execute. All actions as well real as personal, precepts, warrants, process, and mandates delivered or sent unto you from the Mayor, Recorder, or Council of Dover for the time being, you shall well and truly execute, and true return thereof make; and also all other attachments and arrests between party and party for whatsoever you or they shall receive. You shall likewise truly execute and true return thereof make. And all other things belonging to the office of her Majesty's Deputy Water Bailiff of this borough you shall well and truly execute to the utmost of your skill and power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE TOWN SERGEANT.

You shall swear that the charters, liberties, free customs, decrees, and ordinances of the whole ports and of the limbs and precints of the same, and especially of this borough of Dover, to your power you shall well and truly maintain and keep. You shall be true and faithful to the common weal of this borough, and diligently attend in all that you may for the same. You shall be attendant at all times to the commandment of the Mayor and the Council of this borough for the time being; their lawful counsel to you by them at any time committed, or the secrets of the said Mayor and Council which shall be in your hearing, you shall truly keep, neither shall you hear anything prejudicial to the said borough, or to the defamation or slander of the said Mayor and Council spoken, but thereof shall you give them present knowledge. You shall diligently, faithfully, and truly collect and receive all such fines, amerciaments, duties, and revenues of the borough, as to your office of antiquity hath and doth appertain to be gathered and received, and which shall be given to you in charge to be levied, and true accompt and payment thereof make to the Treasurer of this borough for the time being at the days and times accustomed. And all other matters and things belonging to the said office of Town Sergeant of the said borough you shall well and truly execute. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE TOWN PORTER.

You shall swear that you will well and truly execute the office of a Porter of this borough for the year to come, in diligently attending the Mayor and Council of this borough at the days and times accustomed, and in justly doing and performing his and their commandments; their lawful secrets by him or them to you at any time committed, or the which shall be in your hearing, you shall truly keep. You shall not hear anything prejudicial to him or them, or to the State or liberties of the said borough, but thereof you shall give unto them present knowledge, and all other things belonging to the office of a Porter of this borough you shall well and truly execute. So help you GOD.

DURHAM.

OATH TAKEN BY THE TOWN CLERK.

I of the city of Durham, gentleman, do upon my corporal oath swear that I will well and truly perform the office of Town Clerk of the city of Durham and Framwellgate, in the county Palatine of Durham, to the best of my knowledge in all things touching or concerning the said office.

So help me GOD.

Oath taken by the Recorder.

I esquire do swear that I will well and faithfully execute the office of Recorder of the city of Durham and Framwellgate according to the best of my judgment in all things touching or concerning the office.

So help me God.

EAST LOOE.

Oath taken by a Free Burgess or Freeman.

You A. B., being now admitted to the freedom of this borough of East Looe, do swear that you will be a true liege man, and true faith and truth bear towards Majesty; that you will be aiding and assisting to the Mayor of this corporation and others the officers thereof for the time being, in all things they or any of them shall lawfully and reasonably require you unto; that you will yield, pay, and be contributary to and with this corporation as far forth as you shall be reasonably rated and charged; that you will be obedient to laws, orders, and constitutions already made, or hereafter to be made, for the better government of this corporation; that you will not, on any account whatsoever, by virtue or colour of this your freedom, bear out any foreigner or stranger against the interest or any the rights and dues belonging to this corporation or the privileges thereof, but in all things to the best of your knowledge and understanding, you shall and will endeavour to the utmost of your power to preserve, support, and maintain the same. So help you God.

Oath taken by a Capital Burgess.

Mr. A. B., you being elected a chief and capital Burgess of this borough and corporation of East Looe, do swear that from henceforth you will well and truly, according to the best of your understanding and knowledge, execute the said office, and that during all the time you shall so be and remain a chief and principal Burgess of this borough, you will administer justice equally as well to the poor as to the rich, and in all things that you will carefully endeavour to support, uphold, and preserve the ancient rights and privileges of this corporation. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. A. B., you, as late Mayor of this borough and corporation of East Looe, being by charter one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace within the same for the year ensuing, do swear that you will well and truly execute the same office according to the best of your judgment and understanding, and that therein you will do equal justice to the poor as well as to the rich, and carefully mind in all things to preserve the ancient rights and privileges of this corporation. So help me God.

Oath taken by the Mayor.

Mr. A. B., you being elected Mayor of this borough and corporation of East Looe for the year ensuing, do swear that you will well and truly during all that time, and whilst you shall be and continue Mayor of this corporation, execute the office of Mayor according to the best of your knowledge and understanding; during all which time also you shall administer justice equally to the poor as well as to the rich, and to the best of your understanding you shall in all things carefully endeavour to preserve the ancient rights and privileges of this corporation, and in some convenient time after you shall be out of your said office you shall yield and pass a true and just account to this corporation of your receipts and disbursements on account of and touching your said office. So help me God.

Oath taken by the Deputy Mayor.

The present Mayor of this borough and corporation of East Looe having appointed you, Mr. A. B., to be his deputy, for executing in his absence and

on his behalf the office of Deputy Mayor of and within this corporation for the year ensuing, which office you having accepted of, you do swear that you will well and truly execute the same office according to the best of your judgment and understanding. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE RECORDER.

You A.B., being elected Recorder of this borough and corporation of East Looe, do swear that from henceforth so long as you shall continue in that office you will well and truly execute the same in all things thereto belonging, according to the best of your judgment and understanding; and that you will at all times according to the best of your skill give your advice and counsel to the Mayor and burgesses of this borough for the ordering and governing thereof according to law; and that in your said office you will do equal justice to the poor as well as to the rich, and that you will carefully endeavour to support, uphold, and preserve the ancient and lawful rights and privileges of this borough and corporation. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE DEPUTY RECORDER.

Mr. A. B., I. B., Esquire, Recorder of this borough, having appointed you his Deputy Recorder, to which the office of one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this borough is by charter annexed, you do swear that from henceforth so long as you shall be and continue in the said office you will well and truly execute the same in all things thereunto belonging according to the best of your judgment and understanding; and that you will at all times according to the best of your skill give your advice and counsel to the Mayor and burgesses of this borough and corporation for the ordering and governing thereof according to law; and that in your said office you will do equal justice to the poor as well as to the rich; and that you will carefully endeavour to support, uphold, and preserve the ancient and lawful rights and privileges of this borough and corporation. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY SERJEANTS AT MACE.

You and each of you do swear that you will well and truly serve and execute the offices of Serjeants at Mace within and for this borough and corporation of East Looe for the year ensuing or so long as you shall be and continue Serjeants at Mace within the same, and according to the best of your understanding and judgment, So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A CONSTABLE.

You, A. B., do swear that you will well and truly according to the best of your judgment and ability execute the office of a Constable within and for this borough and corporation of East Looe so long as you shall be and continue in that office. So help you GOD.

EXETER.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the grace of God, of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, and her heirs and successors, Kings and Queens of Great Britain, as a free and franchised man of this city of Exeter; you shall keep the peace and tranquillity of this city as much as in you lieth; and if you know any unlawful assemblies or conventicles against the state thereof, you shall disclose the same to the Mayor, or to his lieutenant of this city for the time being, whom you shall aid and assist with your best advice and counsel; and you shall maintain and defend the liberties, customs, and privileges of this city in every lawful and reasonable cause. So help you GOD.

FORDWICH.

Oath taken by a Justice of the Peace.

You shall swear that as a Justice of the Peace for this town of Fordwich you shall to the best of your wit, skill, and power do equal right to rich and poor, and well and truly do the office of a Justice of the Peace in all things according to the charters of the Cinque Ports, two ancient towns, and their members, and the laws, customs, and statutes of this realm of England. You shall not take reward or other thing for doing of your office of Justice of the Peace of the King, but only the fees accustomed and costs limited by the statutes. You shall not direct or cause to be directed any warrant by you to be made to the parties, but you shall direct them to the constables, sergeant, or other officers or ministers within this town of Fordwich or other indifferent persons to do execution thereof. So help you God, and by the contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Treasurer.

You shall swear that you will well and faithfully serve the Mayor, jurats, and commonalty of this town of Fordwich in the office of Treasurer of the said town for and during the space of one whole year now next ensuing, and shall and will make and deliver unto the said Mayor, jurats, and commonalty, and their successors a true and just account in writing of all such receipts and of all such payments as shall come to your hands during the time of your being in the said office. So help you God.

The Oath taken by the Mayor and Jurats.

I, A. B., will be, as I ought to be, profitable and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen of Great Britain, and her heirs, and the state of the liberty of Fordwich, and the office of Mayoralty (or jurat) well and faithfully to my power maintain and fufil, and justice do according to the use and customs of the same town and port, as well to the stranger as to the neighbour, to the poor as to the rich, without respect of reward, hatred or love, shall minister and the counsel to me delivered shall faithfully keep. So help me God.

GRAVESEND.

Oath taken by the Mayor.

You shall swear that you shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady he Queen's Majesty and all her liege people in the office of Mayor of this borough. You shall minister equal justice, according to the laws of this kingdom, as well to the poor as to the rich; and to the uttermost of your power you shall take care that all treasons, felonies, misdemeanors, and offences whatsoever within this borough be repressed, reformed, and amended, and the offenders punished according to law; and also to the uttermost of your cunning, wit, and power you shall advance the profit and commodity of the corporation of this borough, and support, maintain, and uphold all the just privileges, profits, and franchises thereof; and as to all other matters and things appertaining to your office, you shall therein also faithfully and uprightly behave yourself, so as may best conduce to the peace, profit, worship, and credit of this borough, and the inhabitants thereof.

So help you God, and the holy contents of that Book.

GREAT GRIMSBY.

Oath taken by a Burgess.

This hear ye, Sir Mayor, crowners, bailiffs, and all the court here present, that I shall true faith bear and true burgess be to our liege Lady the Queen Victoria, and to her heirs, to the Mayor here present, and his successors, and the commonalty of this the Queen's borough of Grimsby, for any burgag

that I claim or shall claim to hold of our Lady the Queen and her heirs of the Mayor and commonalty of this the Queen's borough of Grimsby, and their successor. I shall be justifiable by the Mayor of this said borough for time being, to come to his summons what time that I shall be lawfully required by the officer thereto assigned, and not absent myself without a cause reasonable to the Mayor notified; also I shall be justifiable by my Mayor and his burgesses to do and bear all the charges of offices from the lowest to the highest that belongs so the said borough of Grimsby, at any time that I shall be by due election chosen to any of them; also to all the franchises and freedoms by our liege Lady the Queen, and her noble progenitors, granted to the Mayor and burgesses of the said borough, and all other ordinances, freedoms, and customs had and used by the Mayor and his burgesses for the good governance and maintaining of this the Queen's borough, I shall duly sustain at my power; moreover I shall not, by reason of any lordship or mastership, nor other means, procure nor draw no manner of man to make any party against the Mayor or other burgess or commoner of this said borough of Grimsby, them to reprove or hurt, whereby any heaviness or trust may be to them, upon pain of forfeiture of my freedom, if I thereof be lawfully convicted.

So help me God, and by the contents of this Book.

HEREFORD.

Oath taken by a Freeman or Guild-Merchant.

1st. You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and lawful successors.

2nd. That you shall defend and keep the laws and customs of this city of Hereford, notified unto you by the Mayor, and you shall from time to time preserve and maintain the liberties of this city of Hereford to the utmost of your power.

3rd. That you shall not discover to any man but to your own fellow-citizens the secret things touching the estate of the said city, when they be by them made known and opened unto you.

4th. That you shall be obedient in all things to the Mayor of the said city, and touching the city's estate to the Mayor and commons of the said city.

Lastly, you shall be ready at all times, as occasion shall require, to do and perform all such duties as shall be requisite and befitting a freeman of the said city. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Town Clerk.

You shall swear well and truly to execute the office of Town Clerk or Prothonotary of the city of Hereford; you shall cause all due entries to be made and done, as well in the Courts of Record, before the Mayor of the said city, as at the common council, of such matters as shall concern the duty of your place, according to the best of your skill and knowledge, without corruption or delay; you shall keep the counsels of the said Mayor, aldermen, and common council concerning the affairs of the said city, and not disclose the same to any person, and in all things you shall well and truly behave yourself towards the said Mayor, aldermen, and common council so long as you shall continue in the said office. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Serjeants-at-Mace.

1st. You and every of you shall well and truly observe the office of Serjeantship-at-Mace within the city of Hereford, suburbs, and liberties of the said city, as long as you shall continue and occupy the said office and be in the same.

2nd item. You shall make true attachments of all manner of actions, and make true return of the same actions at the next court following, without any concealment.

3rd item. All warrants and precepts to you directed and commanded by the Mayor, as well by writing as by word of mouth, you shall truly execute and do to your powers, and true return make of the same.

4th item. All sum of money, as amerciaments, fines, and forfeitures, and all other things which you shall be charged with by reason of your office, or that shall come unto your hands, you shall truly levy and gather, and true return and accounts make of the same to Mr. Mayor, and you shall come and yield your accounts at such time as you shall be called upon.

5th item. The council of the Mayor you shall truly keep, and obey his commandments in every lawful thing touching your offices, as well by night as by day, to your powers, &c.; and you shall see the Queen's Majesty's peace observed and kept, duly and truly, at all times within the said city and liberties thereof, to the best and utmost of your powers, as long as you shall continue and be in the said offices.

6th item. You shall do not extortion nor oppression to the Queen's people, nor receive any money which belongeth to the Mayor, but show him thereof and true deliverance make of the same to him forthwith upon the receipt thereof.

7th item. You shall not suffer any person arrested by you to go at large directly or indirectly until he hath given sufficient bail, and if he cannot procure bail within twenty-four hours after he is arrested you shall deliver him into the custody of the gaoler, there to remain until he shall give bail, or be legally discharged.

8th item. You shall well and truly behave yourselves in making of juries, as well between our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Highness and the party as between party and party, having no respect to one party more than to the other, but to be indifferent in returning of the same juries, without any partiality, and all other things appertaining to your office to be done you shall execute and do to the utmost of your power during the said time, all favour, affection, and malice set apart. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A CONSTABLE.*

You shall well and truly occupy and exercise the office of Constableship of the peace in this city of Hereford and the liberties thereof; you shall see His Majesty's peace kept duly and truly at all times to the utmost of your power so long as you shall continue in the said office; you shall be obedient unto the commandment of the Mayor and justices of the peace of the same city at all times, both by night and by day, as well for the preservation of His Majesty's peace as in all other lawful things; all warrants, writs, and precepts to you directed you shall execute and do; you shall see the Statute of Winchester and all other statutes put in execution concerning vagabonds, beggars, and unlawful games, also you shall see the Queen's Majesty's watch kept within this city when required, according to the laws and statutes in that case provided, and all other things that belong to your said office you shall well and truly execute and do, to the best of your power as long as you shall continue in the same.

So help you GOD.

KING'S LYNN.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

This hear ye, Mr. Mayor, that I, A.B., the franchise of this town of Lynn shall truly maintain to my power, as well without the town as within, and obedient be to you, Mr. Mayor, and to your successors, mayors of Lynn, and to be aiding and assisting to the officers of this town in doing of their office, as need shall require, and the counsel of this town truly keep; and that I shall colour no bargain or sale contrary to the privilege thereof, and that I shall all other things do that belong to a burgess to do. So GOD me help.

OATH TAKEN BY A JUSTICE OF PEACE.

Sir, you shall well and truly execute the office of a Justice of the Peace within this borough and the liberties thereof, according to the known laws and statutes of this kingdom, and to the best of your cunning, wit, and power.

So help you GOD.

* The Porters, Cryer, and Beadle of the city of Hereford are sworn constables.

Oath taken by the Mayor.

Sir, you shall well and truly, with your might, cunning, and diligence, rule and govern the commonwealth of this town, and truly maintain and support all the franchises and liberties of the same, and every part thereof, as well without the town as within, and all other things do and use that belongeth to the office of the Mayoralty as much as in you shall be. So God you help.

Oath taken by the Mayor as Clerk of the Market.

Sir, you shall well and truly use and exercise the office of the Clerk of the Market within this borough of King's Lynn, and the liberties of the same, in setting the prices of victuals, and comptrolling and reforming of unlawful measures, and punishment of victuallers, and all other things do that belongeth to the Clerk of the Market, as nigh as God will give you grace.

So God you help.

Oath taken by the Deputy Clerk of the Market.

Sir, ye shall well, duly, and truly look and oversee the market, and the victuals that come to this town, either by land or water, be not forestalled nor hid in any privy place, and to be attendant upon your master the Mayor at all times expedient, and all other things truly do and use that belong or appertain to the clerkship of the market, according to your trust committed upon you by your master the Mayor. So God you help.

Oath taken by the Recorder.

Sir, you shall true counsel give according to your knowledge and discretion when you are required thereunto, and all other things truly do that pertaineth to the Recorder of this town, and the counsel of this town truly keep.

So God you help.

Oath taken by the Coroner.

Sir, you shall swear that you well and truly shall serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of a Coroner, and as Her Majesty's Coroner of this borough and the liberties thereof, and therein you shall truly and diligently do and accomplish all and every thing and things appertaining to your office within the same borough, by force and virtue of certain Letters Patent granted to the Mayor and burgesses of this borough by some of Her Majesty's Royal predecessors, after the best of your understanding, wit, and power, both for the Queen's profit and the good of the inhabitants within this borough and the liberties thereof, taking such fees as you ought to take by the laws and statutes of this realm, and not otherwise. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Town Clerk.

Sir, I shall be obedient to you as to my master Mayor, and to your successors, mayors of Lynn, for so long time as I shall continue in this office of Town Clerk, and truly write, and true record make, and true counsel give according to my discretion and knowledge when I am willed or required thereunto, and all other things truly do and use that pertaineth to the office of the Town Clerk of this town, and the counsel of the town truly keep. So God me help.

Oath taken by a Serjeant-at-Mace.

Sir, ye shall be ready, dutiful, and attendant to my master the Mayor, and to his successors, mayors of Lynn, at all times during your continuance in the office of Serjeant-at-the-mace, and truly warn the aldermen and common council of this town and all other persons to come to the Guildhall, or in any other place that Mr. Mayor or his deputy shall appoint, and all defaults of them that shall be warned truly certify, and sustain the Queen's peace as much as in you is, within the franchise of this town, and truly execute all process, precepts, and mandates which shall be directed unto you by Mr. Mayor and other the justices of the peace within this borough, and be aiding to the constables of this town in doing their office, and warn the watches and certify the default

thereof when you shall be thereunto willed or required; and all other things truly do which Mr. Mayor shall lawfully command that pertaineth to the office of common Serjeant for the profit and worship of this town, and the counsel of this town truly keep. So God you help.

Oath taken by the Coal Meter.

Sir, ye shall truly deliverance make of coals and other things within the franchise of this town, according as the Mayor for the time being shall cause the same to be cried or proclaimed, and truly meting between burgess and burgess, and between burgess and stranger, and true certificate make thereof to the Mayor for the time being when ye be called and warned thereunto by him or by any of the serjeants by his commandment, and well and truly do all things that belongeth to a porter to do. So God you help.

Oath taken by the Corn Meter.

Ye shall truly do your office in meting of corn betwixt burgess and burgess, and betwixt stranger and stranger, and betwixt burgess and stranger, taking for four trays of all manner of grain of a burgess and a common, 1*d.*, and for three trays of a stranger 1*d.*, and for meting of a wey of salt on the land of a burgess and a common, 1*d.* ob., and of a stranger 1½*d.*; and when ye be called to met salt out of a ship of a burgess and cōmon, for a wey 1*d.*, and of a stranger 1*d.* ob.; nothing taking for measuring of no manner of grain that is bought for the commonalty of this town; and true answer give of your meting when you be thereunto called; and obedient be to the Mayor and to his commandment, and truly do all things that belongeth to a porter to do.

So God you help.

Oath taken by a Constable.

Sir, you shall truly execute the office of Constable whereunto you are called within this town and the liberties thereof in maintaining and sustaining of the Queen's peace, in presenting of assaults, affrays, and bloodsheds, and arresting of malefactors therein, and in executing of such processes and precepts as shall be directed unto you by Mr. Mayor and other justices of peace within this town, and all other things do that belong to the office of the Constable.

So God you help.

LEICESTER.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear that to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors, you will bear faith and true allegiance. You shall also be obedient to the Mayor and ministers of this borough of Leicester; the franchises, liberties, and lawful customs thereof you shall maintain, and this borough keep harmless so far forth as in you lieth. You shall be contributory to all manner of charges within this borough, as summonses, watches, contributions, taxes, tallages, lot and scot, and all other charges, bearing your part as a freeman ought to do, whether you shall dwell within this borough or any other place, so long as you shall claim the freedom of the said borough. You shall not take any apprentice but according to the law in that case provided, the indentures of which apprentice you shall cause to be made by the common clerk and prothonotary of the said borough, and shall then enrol before the Mayor for the time being, according to the custom of the said borough. You shall also keep the Queen's Majesty's peace in your own person so far forth as in you is. You shall know no gathering, conventicles, nor conspiracies against the peace of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, but you shall warn the Mayor or other officers thereof, or else let them to your power. And also the lawful customs, liberties, and franchises of this borough you shall to your power keep and maintain so far forth as in you lieth, and the lawful secrets and councils of the body politic of this borough you shall not disclose to the hurt or prejudice thereof. All these points and articles you shall well and truly keep according to the laws and lawful customs of this borough. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Mayor.

I will truly, uprightly, and faithfully execute the office of Mayor of this borough of Leicester in all things, according to my ability, during this year following. I will maintain the peace of our Sovereign Lady the Queen as much as in me is, and the disturbers thereof I shall punish as the law wills and requires. I will execute justice to all men according to my power. I shall remit nor forbear to punish any offender for favour, affection, reward, or fear, but do thereunto my power according to the law, and I shall deal justly with all men in my office so far forth as God shall endue me with ability and His grace. I shall do my best to apprehend, arrest, and attach all rebels, traitors, murderers, felons, and all other evil malefactors against Her Majesty's peace, crown, and dignity, or so many of them as shall happen to come within my liberty whereof I shall have privity or knowledge, and shall and will commit or cause them to be committed to safe keeping as to their offence by law appertaineth. Also, I will admit, maintain, and defend all lawful liberties, rights, privileges, and lawful customs of this borough of Leicester, touching the good and lawful government thereof, and so far forth as by law and the grants and charters of the said borough I ought and am thereby bound to do and execute in respect of my said office, to the uttermost of my power and skill.

So help me God.

LINCOLN.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and to your power maintain and defend the franchises, privileges, jurisdiction, and charters of this corporation, and perform, execute, and do all such duties, offices, and things as you are liable and ought to do, as a franchised man of this city. So help you God.

Oath taken by a Common Councilman.

You shall well and truly keep the Mayor, Council, &c., according to the best of your skill and ability, advise and assist him and all others being of the Common Council. You shall come to the Mayor's presence when commanded, unless reasonable cause prevent you, and help to ordain by your council that which may be profitable and for the advantage of this city.

So help you God.

Oath taken by a Justice of the Peace.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of Justice of the Peace of this city, circuits, and liberties thereof, and truly keep the sessions four times in the year, and oftener if the case requires, according to the statute thereupon made, and assess every fine according to your discretion. And also you shall see that the peace be kept within this city, according to your power. So help you God.

Oath taken by an Alderman.

You shall truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of an Alderman of this city, the Queen's council, the Mayor's, and your own you shall truly keep, and give the Mayor council for his time and be attendant for the common profit and weal of this city when required, unless reasonable cause prevent you; all manner of rioters and misdoers within this city and the liberties thereof you shall correct and redress, as far as by your power you may. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Mayor.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria in the office of Mayoralty of this city and precincts of the same, and truly maintain in right as well the poor as rich. You shall truly maintain all the liberties,

customs, and privileges of this city, and all other things which belong to the office of Mayoralty of this city you shall truly do and perform, according to the best of your skill and understanding. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SHERIFF.

You shall truly serve our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria in the office of Sheriff of this city, from this time to the election of your successor. You shall receive all manner of writs to you directed and delivered to you, or your attorney, and make due and true return thereof as law requireth, and duly occupy the said office, and discharge the citizens of this city in the Queen's your accounts. All liberties, customs, and franchises of this city, and all other things which belong to the office of Sheriff of this city, you shall truly keep and do to your power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE RECORDER.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and the Mayor, sheriffs, citizens, and commonalty of the city of Lincoln, in the place and office of Recorder of the said city and county thereof, or by your lawful deputy. And therein you shall advise, assist, and direct them and their successors in all matters and things for the safety, interest, and profit of the same city, according to the best of your wisdom and understanding. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE STEWARD.

You shall well and faithfully exercise and execute to the best of your judgment and knowledge, by yourself or sufficient deputy, the office of Steward of the Courts belonging to the city of Lincoln, during your continuance in the said office, and you shall advise and assist the Mayor and Justices of the Peace, and all others of the body of this city, for the good and profit thereof.
So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CORONER.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of Coroner of this city, and truly take the sight of all men, women, and children that be wounded or otherwise casually hurt, whereupon they die, or be slain by misfortune; and at all times be attendant in your office when thereto lawfully called, and all other things that belong to your office you shall well and truly do to the best of your skill and judgment.
So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE COMMON CLERK, OR TOWN CLERK, AND CLERK OF THE PEACE.

You shall well and faithfully exercise and execute to the best of your judgment and knowledge, by yourself or sufficient deputy, the offices of Common Clerk, or Town Clerk, and Clerk of the Peace of this city, and county of the same city, and liberties thereof, during your continuance in the said offices; and you shall advise and assist the Mayor and Justices of the Peace, and all others of the body of this city, for the good and profit of this city.
So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A CHAMBERLAIN.

You shall well and truly execute the office of Chamberlain for the Ward of this city, and well and truly make your account of your receipts, and nothing to withdraw you from your accounts when required, but to be attendant, and all other things belonging to your office you shall do to your power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CHIEF CONSTABLE.

You shall swear that you will well and truly execute the office of Chief Constable for the city of Lincoln, and county of the same city, and see the

Peace be kept to your power, and do and execute all other things that belong to the office of a Constable; and the four sessions in the year, if you be not prevented, you shall keep. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SWORD BEARER, THE MACE BEARER, AND THE COMMON CRYER.

You shall be true to the Mayor and commonalty of this city, and truly serve them in the office of and obey the Mayor's lawful commands and council, and keep secret whatever you hear in the Common Council. You shall hear no manner of thing be said to the dishonour of the Mayor, his brethren, or the Common Council, but you shall give them knowledge thereof. You shall be daily expectant upon the Mayor and give your attendance in service, unless absence by his licence or reasonable cause prevent you, and you shall observe and keep all that belong to your office. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SEARCHERS AND SEALERS.

You and each of you do swear, that you will well and truly execute the office Searcher and Sealer of and for tanners and butchers within this city and of liberties thereof for one year, now next ensuing, or until others are chosen in your room, and all things which appertain to the same office you will perform to the best of your power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CORN JURY.

You as foreman of this jury shall diligently enquire into the average prices of wheat and grain sold in the market of this city on the last market day, and a true verdict give according to the best of your skill and knowledge.

So help you GOD.

LIVERPOOL.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREE BURGESS.

You shall be a true and faithful subject to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, and no treason do, procure, or commit, or cause to be done, procured, or committed, within this town or the liberties thereof.

You shall also, from time to time, as occasion shall require, aid, assist, and obey, as well the Mayor of this town as also all other Her Majesty's officers within the same under the said Mayor, in the due and lawful execution of their several offices; and especially concerning the preservation of Her Majesty's peace, the observation of good order, and the ancient and laudable privileges, franchises, liberties, and customs of the town, which said liberties and customs you shall further and increase to your knowledge and best endeavour.

You shall likewise by no covin, colour, or deceit, free any foreigner, or the goods, chattels, or merchandise of any foreigner, or other person whomsoever, not free within this town, in the name of your own proper goods, chattels, or merchandise, whereby the customs of this town may be impaired, hindered, impeached, delayed, or embezzled.

And if you shall know or hear of any unlawful congregations, conventicles, riots, routs, or unlawful assemblies, or other disorderly tumults, to be had or made, or likely to be had, made, or procured by day, or by night, within this town or the liberties of the same, to the disturbance of the peace of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs or successors, you shall give warning and notice thereof to the Mayor, his deputy, or bailiffs, with all speed; and all and every other thing or things which shall either touch or concern the advancement or preferment of the commonwealth and state of this town, or shall appertain and belong to be done by good and honest burgesses, freemen, or inhabitants of the same, you shall for your part do, accomplish, perform, and observe, to the best of your ability, power, knowledge, and wit.

So help you GOD.

Oath taken by the Mayor.

You shall depose to be a true liege man unto the Queen's Majesty, our Sovereign Lady, and no treason do or know to be done unto Her Majesty, but that with all speed you shall give knowledge to Her Majesty's Privy Council; and also you shall execute the office of Mayor of Her Majesty's town of Liverpool until the next election day, and the acceptance of office by your successor; and to the utmost of your power and knowledge you shall execute, or cause the Queen's Majesty's laws to be executed, with true and indifferent justice, without favour, need, dread, fear, or affection, and also all acts and statutes made by the Queen's Majesty, and her most noble progenitors, kings and queens of this realm, and their honourable councillors, you shall execute or cause to be executed within this town and the franchises and liberties thereof, to the best of your power and knowledge; and furthermore, all liberties of this town and franchises thereto appertaining you shall maintain to your power; and also you shall see that all inferior officers of this town do their duties in their offices, and such as do offend cause to be punished accordingly; and also all other thing and things that do appertain to the office of a Mayor of this corporation and the liberties, you shall minister, or cause to be put into due execution, to the best of your knowledge. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Recorder.

You shall execute the office of Recorder of this town of Liverpool, and you shall be aiding and assisting to the Mayor of this town or his deputy for the time being with your best advice and counsel in all things concerning the state and benefit of this town and the commonwealth of the same during the time of your Recordership here; and further, you shall at all times when you shall be there resident, during the time aforesaid, inform the jurors according to your learning and best knowledge, justly and lawfully, without either favour or affection, hatred, malice, fear, dread, profit, or disprofit, in any wise, and shall declare uprightly in all causes touching your said office.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Coroner.

You shall swear that you well and truly shall serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty and her liege people in the office of a Coroner, and as one of Her Majesty's Coroners of this borough and corporation, and therein you shall diligently and truly do and accomplish all and every thing and things appertaining to your said office after the best of your cunning, wit, and power, both for the Queen's profit and the good of the inhabitants within the said borough and corporation, taking such fees as you ought to take by the laws and statutes of this realm, and not otherwise. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Clerk of the Peace.

I do swear that I have not paid nor will pay any sum or sums of money or other reward whatsoever, nor have given nor will give any bond or other insurance to pay any money, fee, or profit, directly or indirectly, to any person or persons whomsoever for such nomination or appointment.

So help me God.

Oath taken by an Attorney in the Borough Court of Liverpool.

You shall truly and faithfully execute the office of Attorney in this borough of Liverpool, and to the utmost of your power and ability shall maintain and uphold the liberties and jurisdictions of this court without doing anything to the prejudice thereof. You shall not do any falsehood or deceit, or consent to any to be done, but if you know of any shall give knowledge thereof to the Mayor for the time being or his deputy. You shall not plead any foreign plea, nor wittingly or willingly sue or cause to be sued any false suits, nor give aid or consent to the same. You shall not increase accustomed fees, nor delay any man's cause for lucre or malice, on pain of being expulsed from this court for

ever, but shall do and perform all things belonging to your said office according to your best skill and knowledge, without favour or affection to any person or persons. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A BOROUGH CONSTABLE.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and the justices of the peace in and for the borough of Liverpool, and the justices of the peace in and for the counties of Lancaster and Chester respectively, in the office of Constable, appointed by the Watch Committee for the borough of Liverpool; and therein you shall act as a constable for preserving the peace by day and by night, and preventing robberies and other felonies, and apprehending offenders against the peace; and shall obey all lawful commands of the said justices and every of them, and shall do and execute all other matters and things appertaining to your said office as by law required.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A DOCK CONSTABLE.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, as well as Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the borough of Liverpool, in the office of Constable, appointed by the Watch Committee for the borough of Liverpool, in and for the docks, basins, canals, locks, and works of the trustees of the Liverpool Docks, and the wharves and quays thereto belonging, and the port and harbour of Liverpool, and as well upon the river Mersey as upon land; and shall obey all lawful commands of the said justices and every of them, and shall do and execute all other matters and things appertaining to your said office as by law required. So help you GOD.

MAIDSTONE.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MAYOR.

You shall by that authority, to you given by the Letters Patent of His Majesty King Charles the Second, and by the statutes of this realm in that behalf, duly administer your office of Mayor, Clerk of the Markets, and Justice of the Peace within the Borough of Maidstone, and equal justice as pertaineth to those offices, as well to the poor as rich, to the best and uttermost of your power and skill shall do and execute, and further, according to the purport and effect of the said Letters Patent and statutes, you shall from time to time, as the cause requireth, put forth in execution, true use, and order all lawful constitutions, usages, and ordinances of this borough, for the good government of the people within the said borough, and all manner of proceeds touching the office of Mayor and Clerk of the Markets of the said borough, according unto rights and consciences for and to the common wealth of the said borough shall employ, and in all things touching this corporation not to meddle without act or order in council lawfully assembled. You shall make no new exactions without like act or order in council, nor set any fine or amerciament but after the quality of the trespass. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall true faith bear to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm; and you shall be obedient to the Mayor that governeth this borough for the time being, and the franchises, usages, and customs of the said borough lawfully made or to be made maintain and sustain to your power, and the said borough (as much as in you lieth) from grievances and damages shall keep; also you shall be partner of all charges touching the said borough, as you shall be thereunto duly assessed; and if you shall know of any congregation, assembly, or affinity made against the peace of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm, you shall warn the Mayor of this borough for the time being or his deputy thereof; you shall, according to the laws and ordinances of this borough, cause to be inrolled the inden-

tures of all such as you shall take apprentice, and shall take no apprentice under the age of twelve years that was not born in this borough, and as a freeman of this borough honestly shall demean yourself. So help you GOD.

MALDON.

OATH TAKEN BY A BURGESS.

You shall bear faith to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, by the grace of God Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith. You shall be true to the franchises and liberties of the borough of Maldon; the right, the use, and customs of the same you shall keep and maintain; the counsel of the town you shall not discover but truly keep; you shall be governed by the Mayor and officers of the town for the time being in all things needful; and you shall bear scot and lot as any other burgess doth after your power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A CONSTABLE.

I do swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of Constable for the borough of Maldon, without favour or affection, malice or illwill; and that I will to the best of my power cause the peace to be kept and preserved, and prevent all offences against the persons and properties of Her Majesty's subjects; and that while I continue to hold the said office I will to the best of my skill and knowledge discharge all the duties thereof faithfully according to law. So help me GOD.

MALMESBURY.

OATH TAKEN BY A CAPITAL AND ASSISTANT BURGESS.

You shall swear that you will truly and faithfully execute the office of one of the Capital Burgesses of this borough from this the time of your admission into the said office for so long as you shall continue in the fruition and exercise thereof. That you will to the utmost of your power, wit, and ability from time to time support, maintain, and defend the rights, privileges, franchises, and jurisdictions of the said borough, and be from time to time aiding, advising, and assisting to the Alderman of the said borough in all matters and things relating to or concerning the said borough, and from time to time attendant on him in all courts, conventions, and counsels that shall be from time to time held in and for the same borough for the better government thereof.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ALDERMAN AND HIS DEPUTY.

You shall swear that you will well and truly execute the office of Alderman of this borough of Malmesbury for one whole year, or so long as you shall continue in the said office, in all things belonging or appertaining to the said office, and that during your continuance in the said office you shall to the utmost of your power maintain, support, and uphold all the rights, liberties, immunities, privileges, and franchises of the corporation of the said borough and of the members thereof. And that you will not do or consent to be done any matter or thing that may impeach, infringe, or destroy any of the said rights, liberties, and franchises. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE HIGH STEWARD AND HIS DEPUTY.

You shall swear that as High Steward of this borough of Malmesbury you shall by yourself or your sufficient deputy execute all things that shall or may belong to the said office of High Steward of the said borough, and that you shall at all times during your continuance in the said office well and faithfully counsel, assist, and advise the Alderman and Burgesses of this borough in all things relating to the said borough wherein your advice, counsel, or assistance shall

be required; and that you shall and will to the utmost of your power, wit, and ability maintain, support, and uphold all the legal rights, liberties, and franchises of the said borough; and that you will not do or consent to the doing of any matter or thing that may impeach, destroy, or infringe the said rights, liberties, and franchises. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CORONER.

You shall swear that as a Coroner [or Deputy Coroner] of this borough of Malmesbury you will well and faithfully execute all matters and things belonging or appertaining to the said office of Coroner [or Deputy Coroner] to your power, wit, and ability, according to the laws, customs, and statutes of this realm, for so long time as you shall remain and continue Coroner [or Deputy Coroner] of the said borough. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE TOWN CLERK.

You shall swear that as Town Clerk of this borough of Malmesbury you shall execute all things that shall or may belong to the said office of town clerk of the said borough, and that you shall at all times during your continuance in the said office well and faithfully counsel, assist, and advise the Alderman and Burgesses of this borough in all things relating to the said borough wherein your advice, counsel, or assistance shall be required. And that you shall and will to the utmost of your power, wit, and ability maintain, support, and uphold all the legal rights, liberties, and franchises of the said borough. And that you will not do or consent to the doing of any matter or thing that may impeach, destroy, or infringe the said rights, liberties, and franchises. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK OF THE MARKET.

You shall swear that as Clerk of the Market [or Deputy Clerk of the Market] of this borough of Malmesbury you will well and faithfully execute all matters and things belonging or appertaining to the said office of clerk [or deputy clerk] of the market to your power, wit, and ability, according to the laws, customs, and statutes of this realm, for so long time as you shall remain and continue clerk [or deputy clerk] of the market of the said borough.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SERJEANT-AT-MACE.

You shall swear that as Serjeant of the Mace of this borough you shall and will well and faithfully execute the office of Serjeant-at-Mace of the said borough; you shall give your attendance to the Alderman or his deputy of this borough, and on all holydays and festival days and at all other times when required you shall execute faithfully and justly all the precepts to you directed; you shall take no more fees than allowed by authority, and in all other things faithfully perform and execute the said office to the best of your wit, power, and ability. So help you GOD.

NORWICH.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear, from this day forward, to be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs; the franchises and liberties of this city of Norwich you shall maintain and sustain, with your body and goods; no man's goods avow but your own, whereby the Queen or the commons may lose toil or custom, or any other right; buxom you shall be to Mr. Mayor, and all governors of this city for the time being. All offices to which you shall be chosen in this city, or in your craft or science, them and each of them accept diligently, and none refuse. All other charges lawfully laid upon you, and all lawful ordinances made, and to be made, within this city, or in your craft or science, confirmed by the council of this city, you shall obey and perform from this day forward. So help you GOD.

Oath taken by the Mayor.

You shall swear that, well and lawfully, to your cunning and power, you shall sustain, execute and maintain the laws, liberties and franchises, good customs and ordinances of the city of Norwich, and the peace and tranquillity within the same city, as much as to you by virtue of your office shall discreetly appertain. And that you shall make due search for all victual and of all other things that belong to your office as oft times as is needful to be done by your discretion, or when ye be required for the common profit of the city and the county. And that ye shall do due, open, and discreet correction and redress upon the defaults formed after the form of the ordinances thereupon made and to be made. And that you shall do justice and equal right as well to the poor as to the rich. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Sheriff.

You shall swear that you shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the office of Sheriffwick in the city and the county of Norwich, suburbs, hamlets, precincts, and circuits of the same city and county, and truly, buxomly, and rightfully you shall treat the people of the same city and county, and all other people, in that that toucheth your office, and you shall do right as well to the poor as to the rich, and be indifferent betwixt party and party in all that longeth to your office, and you shall for promise, nor for favour, nor for hate, do anything to any man that might any right disturb or let, and you shall truly serve the writs of our Sovereign Lord the King to your wit and power, and the commandments, precepts, and warrants of the Mayor of the city in that that toucheth your office you shall serve and obey, and all plaints that the Mayor sendeth for, you deliver to him, and not withhold, according to the ordinance thereupon made. And all manner of right of the King or the city's which be appurtenant to your office, and all other things due to the King and the city, you shall sustain, keep, and maintain, as it hath been sustained, kept and maintained before this in old time, and none of them lessen by your defaults, as you will answer therefore to the King and discharge the commons against the King, and no man let out of prison which is sent to prison by the Mayor without the assent or special commandment of the Mayor. And you shall well and truly the laws, liberties, customs, and ordinances of the said city keep and sustain in as much as to you longeth, and you shall truly do or make to be done judgments and execution of the verdicts of your court without sparing of any man, and that you shall hold your Sheriff's turns openly in the Guildhall as the Sheriffs of Norfolk and other Sheriffs do in their counties within the realm of England upon the form of statute, and that you shall no man put upon the inquest that shall be taken for the Sheriff's turn but good men and sufficient, that be men of good name and good fame. And that you shall make proclamation for your turn in divers places, within the wards out of which the inquests shall be taken, at least four days before under this form, that all manner of men that have for to do at the Sheriff's turn, and there any thing will say for our Sovereign Lord the King or for himself, that they be at the Guildhall such a day as your turn is set to be holden, and you shall be heard; and that you shall see that the inquests that are to be taken betwixt the King and party, and betwixt party and party, shall be taken indifferently without any denomination of either party, by mouth or by bill, by the parties or any other in their names, and that you or one of you in your proper person shall be residing upon your bailwick for the time that you shall be Sheriff of the said city, and you shall require your Under-sheriff and all your other officers to make such oath as to them belongeth, that well and truly they shall do to their office without extortion or wrong doing to any man, and in especial for the inquests that are to be taken betwixt party and party, that they make no inquests nor put no names in no inquests at denomination of the party by mouth nor by bill, nor no man but such as he supposeth should be indifferent men. And that the form of our Sovereign Lord the King for your time you shall pay and acquit the aforesaid city and commonalty of the same, and these points afore rehearsed you shall do your endeavour duly and truly to observe and keep. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Under-sheriff.

You shall swear that you shall the office of Under-sheriff within the city of Norwich, and the liberties of the same, well and truly to your power do and execute, without extortion or wrong doing to any person, true record, entries, and returns to your wit and cunning ye shall make, the liberties, franchises, and customs to your power maintain and sustain, the profits of your masters the Sheriffs of this city diligently await and attend, and in all other things appertaining to your office you shall truly behave you. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Recorder and Steward.

Ye shall swear that you shall, as well in the office of Recorder (or Steward) within the City of Norwich and the liberties of the same, as in the office of Justice of the Peace, lawfully behave you, and good, true, and wholesome council give to the Mayor and Aldermen of the city in use and execution of governance of common right, as well in the office of Mayoralty and Justice of the Peace as in the office of Escheater, according to the laws of the realm and laws and good customs of the city, according to your wit, knowledge, and learning, without favour or affection of any person. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Coroner.

You shall swear that you shall, within the liberty of the city of Norwich, as well on water as on land, where any man, woman, or child is found dead, that is to say, drowned, slain, or murdered, or otherwise suddenly dead by misfortune, upon lawful knowledge to you given, approach unto the place where any such dead person shall lie, and there upon view and sight of the body make diligent inquiry. And of the said inquiry, and in appeals, exigents, and judgments of outlawry within the same liberty to be had, true records make and deliver the same in open session to be holden for the city of Norwich. And in all that appertaineth to the office of Coroner within the said liberty, you shall truly do your endeavour to your power without fraud of the King or this city. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Town Clerk and Clerk of the Peace.

You shall swear you shall [in the office of Common Clerk] within the city of Norwich and the liberties of the same [in the office of Clerk of the Peace and Escheator] duly and truly to your power without partiality behave and govern yourself, true warrants, entries, and records to your cunning make, the profit of the King and of the Mayor for the time being as of the commonality of the said city, you shall wait and attend, and their council keep.
So help you God.

Oath taken by the Serjeants of Mace.

Ye shall swear that ye shall truly this year serve Mr. Mayor and the Sheriff in his court in the office of Serjeant, all manner of plaints given to you belonging to the court truly enter and execute as hastily as you may, and as many plaints as you may receive bring to the said court, and no plaints conceal or embezzle which shall be taken by you or in your name, all summonses, attachments, distresses, precepts, warrants, and green wax, and all manner of process and executions of the same court, truly serve, execute, and certify, and no one make between party and party without the said court, whereby the court shall lose any right. And also no panel make at the denomination of the party nor no impanel between party and party, but such as to your judgment be indifferent, nor no man woman or child you shall give notice nor warning privately or apartly of any complaint or process that is or shall be against him or them in the same court, but by authority of the same court, nor no deceit do of any process belonging to the said court. At all the courts in the Guildhall ye shall be present in your own person, but if you be commanded otherwise by your masters or by their Under-sheriff. Nor you shall let no man out of your ward to mainprize after you have arrested him, otherwise than hath been accustomed before time. And ye shall at all times necessary

be present and ready to do service to your masters, and truly await, attend and keep the advice and counsel of the court, at all times, in all that you can or may. And all these points afore rehearsed ye shall duly and truly keep and perform. So help you GOD.

PENRYN.

OATH TAKEN BY SERJEANTS-AT-MACE, GAOLERS, INSPECTORS OF COMMON LODGING-HOUSES, SANITARY INSPECTORS, AND COMMON CRIERS.

I do swear that I will well and truly execute the office of for this borough for the year now next following according to the best of my skill and ability. So help me GOD.

PORTSMOUTH.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CORONER.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty and her liege people in the office of Coroner for the borough of Portsmouth, and therein you shall diligently and truly do and accomplish all and every thing and things appertaining to your office after the best of your cunning, wit, and power, both for the Queen's profit and for the good of the inhabitants within the said borough, taking such fees as you ought to take by the laws and statutes of this realm, and not otherwise.

RICHMOND (YORKSHIRE).

OATH TAKEN BY THE SERJEANTS-AT-MACE.

You, either of you, shall swear that you well and truly shall serve Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs, and successors, and the whole body of this town and corporation of Richmond, in the office of a serjeantship and as serjeants of this town, for and during the space of one whole year now next coming; and you shall well and truly serve do and execute all and all manner of precepts, warrants, and commandments to you and either of you to be lawfully given and directed, touching or concerning any matter, cause, or process to be moved, had, or depending in the Queen's Majesty's court to be holden within this town according to the liberties thereof, or at large, and shall make due returns and answers thereunto, and make certificate thereof, according to the effect of such precepts, warrants, and commandments, taking therefore your ordinary fees and none other. And also you shall give diligent attendance unto the Mayor and wait on him, as hath been accustomed, and as you ought to do and say, and not alter the same, so that it may be prejudicial or hurtful unto the said Mayor or any other. And likewise you shall be aiding and assisting unto the constables of this town in anything that they or any of them shall reasonably and lawfully will you to do. And you shall diligently and truly do all other things appertaining to your said office to the uttermost of your power.

So help you GOD and the contents of this Book.

RIPON.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ALDERMAN AND COUNCILLOR.

You shall true be and true faith bear to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and her successors, and to the whole body of this corporation, and shall to the utmost of your knowledge and power employ your care to the making and observing of good and wholesome orders for the government thereof. You shall not do nor consent to be done to your knowledge any act or acts which shall or may be to the prejudice or hurt to the body and commonwealth of the same. You shall from time to time, if conveniently you may, be ready and attend at the commandment of Mr. Mayor for the time being, unless he shall license you to be absent for any matter touching the government of this city and

the lands and hereditaments to the same belonging; and shall observe and keep all laws, constitutions, and orders made or hereafter to be made for the good government of the same, as much as shall concern your office and state. The council of this city you shall keep secret, and shall not disclose anything you know which may be to the hurt thereof, and in all other things demean yourself as a good and true member of this corporation ought to do.

So help you GOD and the contents of this Book.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MAYOR.

You shall swear that you well and truly shall serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of Mayor and as Mayor of this city of Ripon for and during the space of one whole year now next ensuing (if you so long shall live), and you shall minister equal justice, as well to the poor as to the rich, to the best of your cunning, wit, and power, and you shall diligently procure such things to be done as may honestly and justly be to the profit and commodity of the corporation of this city, and also endeavour yourself to the utmost of your power to see all heresies, treasons, felonies, and all other trespasses, misdemeanors, and offences whatsoever to be committed within this city during the time of your office to be suppressed, reformed, and amended, and the offenders duly punished according to the law. And finally you shall support, uphold, and maintain the government within this city, and also the prescribed customs, rights, liberties, jurisdictions, franchises, and all lawful ordinances of this city; and as concerning all other things appertaining to your office you shall therein faithfully and uprightly behave yourself for the most quietness, benefit, worship, honesty, and credit of this city and of the inhabitants thereof.

So help you GOD and the holy contents of that Book.

ROCHESTER.

OATH TAKEN BY THE WATER BAILIFF.

You shall swear that you shall well and truly execute the office of Wate Bailiff upon the waters of the Medway, between Hawkwood and Sheerness, the liberties and precincts thereof. You shall well and truly execute all such warrants and precepts as shall be directed and delivered unto you to be executed; and from time to time collect or gather all such fines and amerciaments, and other duties, as shall be directed and delivered unto you to gather, and do and faithfully perform all such other things as appertain to your office as near as you can. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE METER.

You shall swear that you will well, truly, faithfully, and honestly, as long as you shall continue one of the Meters of Coals for the city of Rochester, the liberties and precincts thereof, execute the office of Meter, according to the best of your skill and knowledge, without making any short measure to the prejudice of any person or persons whatsoever, either for reward, or through deceit, fraud, or secret combination.

SOUTHAMPTON.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MAYOR.

Yow shall well and truely serve the King our Sovraigne Lord, his heires and successors in the office of the Maioraltie of this towne, and the same towne shall surely gard and keep to the behalfe of our Sovraigne Lord the King, his heires and successors; and the King's profit shall doe and maintain that belongeth unto you; and the right of our said Sovraigne Lord and all that to the Crowne appertaineth in the said towne you shall lawfully keep and save; you shall not assent to any hurt or concealment against the towne, but all good orders of the said towne to the utmost of your power you shall maintaine; and where you know of any of the King's right, be it in lands, in rents, in franchis,

or in sutes concealed or withdrawn, you shall cause it to be revealed; and if you cannot doe it you shall show it to the King's Majestie or them of his most Honourable Counsell, the which shall certainly show it to our said Sovraigne Lord; and that lawfully and rightfully you shall entreat the King's leige people within your liberties; and that you shall doo right to all men, as well to strangers as to Englishmen, to poore as to rich, in that to you belongeth for to doe; and that neither for riches, for rewards, or guifts, for promise, for favour, nor for hatred, you shall noe rong doe to any man, nor none shall suffer to be done as far as you may or to your power; you shall good and laudable orders of this towne see to be observed and kept in all points, and this to follow accordingly; and all other things appending or apperteineing unto the Mayor of the said towne to doe or to be done you shall well and truely do to the utmost of your power. Soe help you God and the contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Recorder and the Town Clerk.

Yow shall be faithfull and true to the King of *England* (Great Britain) and his heires, kings or queens of *England* (Great Britain); you shall see that true records are kept and due processes made betwne partie and partie, and true judgments in their suites to be given as nigh as you can in the Maior and Bailiffs' behalfe; if you be required you shall minister common right after the common law of England and the laudable customs of this towne to evry pson that here will sue, as well poore as rich; and also true counsell you shall give unto the Maior and his brethren to your power; and their counsell well and truely you shall keep, and not be absent from them at such places and times without license of the Maior or otherwise reasonably occasioned as you should usually give your attendance; and all other things that to your office belongeth as neare as you can you shall doe, as God help you.

Oath taken by the Coroner.

Ye shall be good and true unto our Sovraigne Lord the King, and the heires of him, and to the towne of Southampton, and true attendance give at all such times as shall be requisite, that is as well when any person slayeth himself or is slaine with any other person or with any other thing; ye shall sit supervised corporis, that is on the right of his body, and by a sufficient jurie next adjoining to the plase where the body is slaine, that it may be understood how he is slaine and what forfeiture should grow to the King and to the towne by reason of his death; allsoe you shall true attendance give to the sessions, to the assizes, to the shire court, and especially when any exigent is to be called or any to be outlawed thereon, to give judgment for the King's advantage and for the towne; and all other things that to your office appendeth or belongeth to doe you shall well and truely doe and execute. Soe help you God, &c.

Oath taken by the Sheriff.

You shall be a good and true officer unto our Sovraigne Lord the King of England, and to the heires and successors of him; and duelie and truely you shall execute all writts, warrants, and precepts, proclamacons, and other things to you directed; and all such you shall duelie and truely serve and returne by the advice of such counsell as shall utterlie discharge the said towne; you shall alsoe dew attendance give at all sessions, assizes, and goale delivries had within the said towne, and at other times necessarie when your presence is requisite; and all other things that to your office of a Sheriff in anywise apperteineth or belongeth you shall well and truely doe and execute. Soe help you God.

Oath taken by Bailiffs.

Ye and either of you shall truely and lawfully serve the King's Majestie in the office of a Bailwick within this His Highness's towne of Southampton for the time that ye shall occupie the same office; the right of the said towne in the court here surelie and diligently ye shall keep and rule unto the use of our Soveraigne Lord the King, his heirs and successors; ye shall alsoe see that common right be ministred, as well to strangers as to Englishmen, to poore as to rich, in that which to you belongeth for to doe; and alsoe the said towne

lawfully and truelie to advance and advantage with all such offices and proffitts as shall grow and come by reason of the said courts; and all other things that to your office perteineth and belongeth for to doe you shall well and truelie doe and execute, as help you GOD, &c.

OATH TAKEN BY CONSTABLES.

Ye shall true Constables be and true presentments make of all bloodsheds, outcries, rescues, and arrests made against the King's Majestie's peace within the liberties of this towne; you shall give your due attendance to the Maior and Justices; and all other things that belongeth to such an officer to doe ye shall well and truelie keep and execute; ye shall alsoe truely present all offences which ye shall know to be done within this towne contrary to the statute made against drunkeness. Soe help you GOD, &c.

OATH TAKEN BY THE DISCREETS OF THE MARKET.

Ye shall well and truely serve in your office of the Discreets of the market; ye shall see that they sell good victualls and wholesome for man's body, both of ffish and fflesh, and be indifferent between the buyer and the seller, and that the ffish market begin according to Mr. Maior's proclamacon; and all other things that to your office belongeth ye shall well and truely execute.
Soe help you GOD, &c.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SERGEANTS.

Ye shall be good and true servants and officers unto our Sovereign Lord the King's Maj^{tie} and to the towne of Southampton, and each of you well and truely shall execute all warrants, precepts, and command^{mts} to you directed, (that is to say,) to summon, attach, or distraine any p'son or p'sons such as any plaint is against, and none other; you shall returne all war^{ts} to you directed at y^{e} next Common Court or Pipouder Court after yee have executed the same; ye shall alsoe lexey or cause to be levied all such estreats as shall be to you or any of you written or directed, as well of forfeits, presentm^{ts} of law days, of sessions, of assizes, or of issues of the Common Court or in the Court of Pipowders or otherwise, and all such money soe levied ye shall duely and truely bring in, pay, and delivr whereas by Mr. Maior and his brethren shall be to you assigned and commanded the lawfull counsell of the Maior and Aldermen for all things by them in their houses and in the counsell houses of the towne you shall faithfully keep. Soe help you GOD, &c.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLES.

Ye shall true Beidles be and true presentments make of all bloodsheds, outcries, and affrays made against the King's peace; you shall true attendance give att all times needful and convenient upon and unto the Constables of this towne for the time being, and them assist and defend in what you may to your powers; you shall alsoe truelie present all offences which you shall know to be done contrary to the statutes made against drunkeness and all acts and ordinances for better observacon of the Lord's day, and all other things apperteineing to such an office to be done you shall well and truely doe and execute.
So help you GOD, &c.

OATH TAKEN BY THE ALDERMAN OF PORTSWOOD.

Yow shall be attendante to all sessions, assizes, and law days holden within the towne and county of Southton, and to all other places which you shall be required unto for the said towne and county, all riots, routs, outcries, and affrays against the King's Maj$^{tie's}$ peace to the utmost you can you shall suppress, and all other things that shall apperteine to your office you shall doe.
So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Yow shall sweare that as a Justice of Peace of this towne and county of Southton you shall doe equall right to poore and rich, after your cunning, witt.

and power, according to the laws and statutes of this realme and customs of this towne in all things which you shall doe as Justices of the Peace of the same town by virtue of any charter or grant heretofore made or granted to this towne and county by the King's Majtie's noble projenitors or otherwise. You shall not be of counsell with any quarrell or controversey hanging before you in this towne. You shall cause all issues, fines, amendmts, and forfeitures which happen before you to be duly entred and levied witho^{t} fav^{r} or conceale ment for the best benefitt of this towne. You shall not direct or cause to be directed any warr^{t} or precept by you to be made or granted to the parties themselves, but to the Constables or other officers of this towne to execute the same; you shall not let for any guift or other reward, or other cause whatsoever to doe that which to your office of Justice of the Peace of this towne shall belong, but well and truelie to the utmost of your power shall doe and execute the same yo^{r} office of Justice of the Peace of the said Towne during such time as you shall remaine therein. Soe help you GOD, &c.

ST. IVES.

OATH TAKEN BY THE TOWN CLERK.

You shall swear that you will do, execute, and perform the office and trust of Town Clerk of and for the borough of St. Ives, during all such time as you shall continue in the said office, according to the laws and statutes of this realm, and to the best of your knowledge and skill. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SERJEANTS-AT-MACE.

You and each of you do swear that you will well and truly serve the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of this borough and corporation of St. Ives, in the office of, and as Serjeants-at-Mace of this borough from henceforth until the ninth day of November now next ensuing, or until you shall be discharged of the said office, during all which time you shall well and duly do, serve, and execute all manner of precepts, warrants, and commandments that to you and either of you shall be lawfully given and directed touching or concerning any matter, cause, or thing whatsoever to be had, moved, or depending within this borough, and shall make due return thereof according to the tenor and effect of such warrants, precepts, and commandments; and you shall also diligently give attendance and wait on Mr. Mayor as hath been accustomed, and as you ought to do, and be aiding and assisting unto the constables of this borough in anything that they or either of them shall reasonably and lawfully will or require you to do for the preservation of the peace and good government of this borough, and all other things whatsoever appertaining to your said office you shall lawfully, faithfully, and diligently do, execute, and perform according to the best of your skill and power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CONSTABLES.

You and each of you shall swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and the Mayor and Aldermen of the borough of St. Ives, in the office of a Constable of and for this borough for one whole year, now next ensuing, or until you shall be thereof discharged by due course of law. You shall well and truly do and execute all things belonging to the said office according to the best of your knowledge. So help you GOD.

STAFFORD.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses to call you to be a Burgess of this borough, and to be a member of the same, you shall therefore swear that you shall be a true and faithful subject to the Queen's Majesty and her heirs and lawful successors, and true faith and legiance to her shall you bear. You shall at all times be obedient to the

magistrates and ministers of this borough; you shall be ready from time to time in your own person, and with all good means you can, to aid and assist them in all lawful actions. You shall be contributory and subject to all such impositions as reasonably or lawfully shall be imposed upon you. You shall to the uttermost of your power uphold, maintain, and defend all the antient, laudable, and lawful customs, privileges, and liberties of this town. You shall also keep the Queen's peace in your own person, and all the articles and all other things fitting for a member of this borough to perform you shall well and truly, to the uttermost of your power, observe and keep.

So help me GOD.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SERJEANTS-AT-THE-MACE AND THE BEADLE.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and the Mayor of this borough in the office of for the year ending. You shall well and truly do and execute all things that belong to your office according to the best of your skill and knowledge. So help you GOD.

SUDBURY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear that you will be aiding and assisting unto the Mayor and justices of this town for the time being, the constables, sergeants at mace, and all other the Queen's officers and ministers of this town in the due execution of justice and performance of Her Majesty's service. You shall to the utmost of your power uphold, support, maintain, and defend all the good and lawful rights, privileges, customs, decrees, bye-laws, orders, and hereditaments of and belonging to this town, and this you shall well and truly do and perform during the time you shall continue in this town. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK OF THE PEACE.

I, A. B., having been appointed Clerk of the Peace for the borough of Sudbury, in the counties of Suffolk and Essex, do swear that I have not paid nor will pay any sum or sums of money or other reward whatsoever, nor have given nor will give any bond or other insurance to pay any money, fee, or profit, directly or indirectly, to any person or persons whatsoever for such nomination and appointment. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CORONER.

I, A. B., of &c., do swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty and her leige people in the office of Coroner and as Her Majesty's Coroner for the borough of Sudbury, and that therein I will diligently do and accomplish all and every thing and things appertaining to my office after the best of my cunning, wit, and power, both for the Queen's profit and for the good of the inhabitants within the said borough, taking such fees as I ought to take by the laws and statutes of this realm and not otherwise. So help me GOD.

TOTNES.

OATHS TAKEN BY THE MAYOR.

You shall during the space of one whole year next ensuing (if you so long live and continue Mayor of this borough, to which office you are elected and chosen for so long time), well and faithfully behave yourself towards our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, her heirs, and lawful successors, kings or queens of this realm, for and in consideration of Her

Majesty's laws and rights within the precinct of your said office, and of the liberties and free customs of this town and borough, and likewise in exercising your said office in exercising of laws and justice appertaining to the said office to do as near as you can, and as far as your knowledge or understanding shall extend. As God shall help you.

I, A. B., will well and faithfully serve our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria in the office of Justice of Peace within the borough of Totnes, the liberties, limits, and precincts of the same, during the time I shall continue in the same office, and I will do legal right to poor and rich after my cunning, wit, and power, without having regard to any person; and I will not be counsel of any quarrel hanging before me, and I will do all other things that a Justice of Peace within the said borough of Totnes ought to do, as near as I can according to the best of my knowledge. So help me God.

Oath taken by the Steward and Town Clerk.

You shall truly and justly exercise the offices of Steward and Town Clerk of this borough and parish of Totnes, as near as you can during the time you shall continue in the said offices (according to your best knowledge and learning); you shall not discover the secrets of the said town which are worthy to be kept secret, and whereof you shall be put in trust. You shall also come to Mr. Mayor of this town at every time when he shall send to you (unless you be sick or have special business to the contrary, or be absent out of the town) to have your advice and counsel for any business of this town and borough of Totnes, and give it according to the best of your learning, and all other things to do concerning your said offices as near as you can.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Town Serjeant.

You shall true faith bear to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and to her heirs and lawful successors, kings or queens of this realm; all kinds of summonses and processes to you directed from the Queen's Majesty's Court to be holden within the borough truly to execute and serve, and true returns, knowledge or information thereof at the next court after to make and give to Mr. Mayor or to the Steward of the Court of the execution thereof without colour or deceit. The counsel and secrets of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses that ought to be kept you shall well and truly keep, and not disclose or open the same until such time as need shall require. These and all other things that appertain and belong to your office you shall well and truly do, observe, and perform as near as you can. So help you God.

WAREHAM.

Oath taken by a Capital Burgess or Assistant.

You shall swear that, as one of the Capital Burgesses (or Assistants) of this borough of Wareham, you will from time to time be aiding and assisting to the Mayor of the same borough for the time being in all business, causes, matters, and things whatsoever touching the said borough, or any way concerning the same; and you shall from time to time join and assemble with the Capital Burgesses and Assistants of the said borough for the time being, in order to advise and counsel the Mayor thereof for the time being in matters relating to the execution of his office, or for any other lawful purpose, for which due summons shall be made; and finally, that you will, so much as in you lies, uphold, support, and maintain the common good and welfare of this borough, and the ordinances, byelaws, customs, franchises, liberties, and privileges of and within the same; and as to all other things appertaining to your office you shall therein uprightly behave yourself for the most quiet benefit and credit of this corporation and borough, and the inhabitants thereof, for so long time as you shall continue in your said office. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Mayor, as Justice of the Peace.

You shall also swear that you will to the best of your understanding, knowledge, and power execute and perform the office and trust of a Justice of the Peace within and for this town and borough in all things well and faithfully, according to the charter of the corporation of this town and borough, and the laws and customs of this realm, for so long time as you shall continue in such office. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Mayor.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and her liege people in the office of Mayor (or Deputy Mayor) of this town and borough of Wareham, for and during the space of one whole year now next ensuing (or, for Deputy, during the present Mayor's absence), and until another shall be sworn into your place. You shall administer equal justice, as well to the poor as to the rich, according to the best of your understanding, knowledge, and power; and you shall diligently procure such things to be done as may honestly and justly be to the profit and advantage of the corporation of this town; and also endeavour to the utmost of your power to see that all treasons, felonies, trespasses, and all other misdemeanors and offences to be committed within this town and borough during your time of office be repressed, reformed, and amended, and the offenders duly punished according to law; and finally you shall support, uphold, and maintain the commonwealth within this town, prescribed customs, rights, liberties, jurisdictions, franchises, compositions, and all lawful ordinances and byelaws of this town and borough; and as touching all other things relating to your office you shall therein faithfully and rightfully behave yourself for the most quiet benefit, worship, honesty, and credit of this town and borough, and of the inhabitants thereof. So help you God.

Oath taken by Coroner, also taken by the Mayor.

You shall also swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and her liege people in the office of Coroner of this town and borough of Wareham, and of the Isle of Purbeck, for and during the space of one whole year now next ensuing, or until another shall be sworn in your place; and you shall faithfully and truly do all things appertaining to your office to the best of your understanding, knowledge, and power, and for the more quiet, profit, ease, and credit of this town and the Isle of Purbeck, taking such fees as you ought by law. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Recorder and Town Clerk.

You shall swear that as long as you shall continue and be Recorder (or Town Clerk) of this borough of Wareham you shall, so much as in you lieth, observe and keep, and according to your power maintain and defend the liberties, privileges, and lawful customs of this borough, and all things touching and concerning the office and place of a Recorder (or Town Clerk) you shall, as far as you are able, justly, well, and honestly do, execute, and discharge.
So help you God.

WELLS.

Oath taken by a Constable.

I, A.B., shall true Constable be, and true presentments make of bloodsheding, outcries, assaults, affraies, rescous made, and of arrests broken, and truly do and keep to my power that belongeth to my office of Constable.
So help me God.

Oath taken by a Churchwarden.

I, A.B., shall true be in the office of Churchwarden, and duly and truly the goods of the Church receive and keep, and of the same goods a true account make, and all things do that belongeth to my office of Churchwarden.
So help me God.

WESTBURY.

Oath taken by a Burgess.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and this corporation in the place and office of one of the Common or Capital Burgesses of this borough of Westbury. You shall to the utmost of your power preserve and maintain the franchises and liberties of this borough, and demean yourself in the said office as by law you ought to do. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Mayor.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and this corporation in the place and office of Mayor of this borough for the year ensuing, and until you are legally discharged thereof and another sworn in your place. You shall to the utmost of your power preserve and maintain the franchises and liberties of this borough, and demean yourself in the said office as by law you ought to do. So help you God.

WESTMINSTER.

Oath taken by an Assistant Burgess.

You shall swear well and truly to serve and execute the office or place of an Assistant within the city or borough of Westminster, and especially within that ward whereunto you are now or hereafter shall be appointed; that is to say, you shall to the utmost of your skill and power be helping, aiding, and assisting to the Burgess of the same ward for the time being in the due executing of his said office in all things to you and him appointed and authorized by virtue of the Act and good orders in that case heretofore made and provided for the good government of this city or borough of Westminster.

So help you God.

Oath taken by a Burgess.

You shall well and truly execute the office of a Burgess within this city or borough of Westminster so long as you shall enjoy the said office, and especially in that ward whereunto you now are or hereafter shall be placed in all things to you appointed and authorized after your best skill and power, and according to the form, effect, and true meaning of the statutes and good orders heretofore made and provided for the good government of the said city or borough of Westminster. So help you God.

Oath taken by a Chief Burgess.

You shall swear well and truly to execute the office of Chief Burgess within the city and liberties and borough of Westminster by the space of one whole year from henceforwards, whereunto you are chosen and elected, in all things to you appointed and authorized after your best skill and power, and according to the form, effect, and true meaning of the statutes and good orders made and provided by the government of the said city and borough of Westminster. So help you God.

Oath taken by the High Bailiff.

You shall swear that you shall well and truly execute the office of High Bailiff of this city and liberty of Westminster, unto which you are now appointed by , Dean of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter's, Westminster, and the Chapter of the same church; you shall do and perform all things to your office appertaining according to the powers given you by one statute made in the 27th year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, intituled "An Act for the better Government of the City "and Liberty of Westminster;" and you shall also duly execute all other

powers to you granted by the laws of this realm in all things to you and your office belonging, according to the best of your skill and knowledge.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE DEPUTY HIGH STEWARD.

You shall swear that you shall well and truly execute the office of Deputy Steward of this city and liberty of Westminster, unto which you are now appointed by , High Steward thereof; you shall do equal right and justice between Her Majesty and her subjects in all things to your office appertaining, according to the powers given you by one statute made in the 27th year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, intituled "An Act for the better Government of the City and Liberty of Westminster;" and you shall also duly execute all other powers to you granted by the laws of this realm in all things to you belonging, according to the best of your skill and knowledge. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE TOWN CLERK.

You shall swear that you shall well and truly execute the office of Clerk of the Burgess Court of Westminster, whereunto you are now appointed; you shall with all due care preserve the books, rolls, and evidences belonging to the said court, and committed to your custody and safe keeping; and shall execute all other things committed to your care with integrity and to the best of your skill and judgment. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill, judgment, and ability, execute the powers and duties of an Inspector of Weights and Measures under an Act passed in the 25th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to repeal certain Enact-" ments relating to nominating and appointing the Householders of West-" minster to serve as Annoyance Jurors, and to make other Provisions in lieu " thereof;" and that I will execute those powers and duties without hatred or malice, fear, favour, or affection. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE HIGH CONSTABLE.

You shall truly and faithfully execute the office of High Constable within the city, borough, and liberties of Westminster; you shall execute or cause to be executed all precepts and warrants unto you directed from the high steward of this city, borough, or liberties of Westminster, the deputy steward, and from all Her Majesty's justices of the peace there; you shall also execute or cause to be executed all lawful precepts and commands from the high bailiff, two chief burgesses, the burgesses, and assistants of this city and liberties; and you shall to the utmost of your power do all other things belonging to the said office of High Constable during the time of your continuance therein.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CRIER.

You shall well and truly execute the office of Crier of this court, city, and liberty in all things relating to the office to the best of your skill and judgment.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CORONER AND DEPUTY CORONER.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty and her liege people in the office of Coroner for the City and Liberty of Westminster. And therein you shall diligently and truly do and accomplish all and every thing and things appertaining to your office and after the best of your cunning, wit, and power, both for the Queen's profit

and for the good of the inhabitants within the said City and Liberty taking such fees as you ought to take by the laws and statutes of this realm and not otherwise. So help you GOD.

WILTON.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BURGESSES.

You and each of you sincerely promise and swear that, during your lives, you will as Burgesses of this corporation of Mayor and Burgesses of the borough of Wilton, in the county of Wilts, be true and faithful thereunto, and use your best endeavour and help for the advancement and wealth, as well thereof as of the Hospital of St. Giles, and of all the lands and possessions to either of them belonging by all godly and lawful ways and means; and that you will not willingly or wittingly disclose or discover anything that shall be to the prejudice of either of them to any person, but in case you be lawfully compelled thereunto, or to such as shall be retained of counsel with this corporation; and further, will observe all good and lawful orders made and to be made for the comely order and wealth of this borough.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ALDERMAN.

You shall swear that you shall true Alderman be of this borough, within the ward of, &c., and truly serve our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria in the office of an Alderman within the said borough, within your ward of, &c. You shall true presentment make to the court of all manner of affrays, bloodsheds, rescues, outcries, drunkards, annoyances, and unlawful gains, made, had, or used (that you shall know of), within your ward. You shall endeavour to apprehend, or cause to be apprehended, all vagabonds, loiterers, and idle vagrant persons that you shall see or know within your ward, not having passport to travel according to the laws and statutes of this realm, and them commit to ward, and not let them forth without consent of the Mayor of this borough or his deputy for the time being. You shall give your attendance upon the Mayor of this borough, and his deputy, at the courts holden within this borough, and at all other times and places convenient, upon reasonable warning given; and in all other matters and things that belong to the office of an Alderman of this borough, within your said ward of, &c., you shall well and truly observe and do (as near as God shall enable you) whilst you continue in the said office.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MAYOR.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, in doing and bearing the office of Mayor within this borough whilst you be in the same office; that is to say, you shall, as far forth as you can or may, keep and govern the Queen's Majesty's liege people of this borough to live in peace from all and all manner of riots, routs, and insurrections against the Queen's Majesty's peace; also, you shall at all times, for the ease and wealth of this borough, in keeping the Queen's Majesty's peace be ready; also, you shall see in all that you may that this borough be victualled plenteously; also, the assize of bread and ale, wine, fish, flesh, coal, and candle, and all other victuals be observed and kept, as much as in you lieth, and as the law requireth, truly; also, that you do your part truly, that the sellers of corrupt victuals, regrators, forestallers, and all misdoers against the common profit of this borough be openly punished according to the nature of their offence, and that the rents and goods of the burgesses and commonalty of this borough be employed to the profit of the same; also, in all matters of substance that touch this borough you shall take the advice of your brethren, and not conclude the same but by their condiscent. All these points which I have rehearsed unto you, and all other points and things that shall belong unto your office, you shall well and truly observe and keep as near as God shall give you grace. So help you GOD.

Oath taken by the Recorder.

You shall swear that you will well and truly execute the office of Recorder of this corporation. You shall according to your best power and ability assist, advise, and direct the Mayor of this borough for the time being, and the burgesses of the same, in all things relating to the welfare and prosperity thereof, and in all other things incident and appertaining to your said office of a Recorder of this borough shall and will honestly and faithfully demean and behave yourself, so long as you shall continue in the same.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Town Clerk.

You shall swear that you will well and truly execute the office of Town Clerk of this corporation, and in all things relating to your office in regard of the corporation you shall, to the best of your skill and power, do and instruct the body of the said corporation, and faithfully demean yourself in the business of the said corporation so long as you shall continue Town Clerk in the same.

So help you God.

Oath taken by Bailiff and Serjeant.

You and each of you shall swear that you shall well and truly execute the office of Serjeant and Bailiff for the borough of Wilton for this year to come. All precepts and warrants to you directed from the Queen's Majestie or the Sheriff of this county you shall well and truly execute, and due return make, and in all other things that belong unto your office you shall behave yourself as true officers. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Aletaster.

You shall swear that you shall execute the office of an Aletaster of this borough for this year to come. You shall endeavour to see that all brewers, innholders, and alehouse keepers within this borough do brew good and wholesome ale and beer for men's bodies, and sell the same according the stattutes of this realm, and the defaults thereof present from time to time. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Inspector of the Market.

You shall swear that you will execute the office of Inspector of the Markets in this borough for this year to come. You shall endeavour to see that the stattute for victuallers be duly observed, and that no unwholesom fflesh for man's body be there sold; and you shall have a good eye to forestallers and regrators, and do all other things that shall belong to your office as a true officer while you shall continue in the same. So help you God.

Oath taken by Head Constables.

You and either of you shall swear that you shall truly and justly serve our Sovereign the Queen's Majesty in the office of High Constables for this borough of Wilton for this year ensuing. You shall labour yourselves as much as in you shall lie to come to the knowledge and understanding of the statutes of Wilton, and other laws and statutes of this realm, made and provided for the punishing of sturdy beggars, rogues, scolds, and vagabonds, and other idle persons wandering at large, and being without their limitations, and of such as use unlawful games, or maintain any house or houses, backside close, or alley, where the same unlawful games are used. You shall be obedient to the Mayor of this borough, and his deputy, in all such things wherein he shall in Her Majesty's name and behalf lawfully command you, and also do and execute all such processes, precepts, warrants, and attachments as shall be unto you directed from Her Majesty or from the Mayor of this borough, touching Her Majesty's affairs or businesses. You shall every law day, from time to time, presentment make unto this court of all bloodsheds, affrays, outcrys, rescues, unlawful games, and drunkards, and you shall

see the Queen's Majesty's peace preserved as much as you may, and likewise watch and ward according to the custom and laws of this realm and borough, and in every other thing well and truly behave yourselves as true officers in your office. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY PETTY CONSTABLES.

You and either of you shall swear that you shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, in the office of Petty Constables for this borough for this year to come. You shall, as much as in you lie, see that the Queen's Majesty's peace be truly kept. You shall arrest all such as commit riots, affrays, and breakers of the peace. You shall endeavour to apprehend and bring to punishment all rogues, vagabonds, and other idle and disorderly persons coming within the precinct of your office. You shall make search in all suspected places for unlawful games and disorders, and endeavour to bring the offenders to punishment. You shall execute all precepts, processes, and warrants directed to you from the Queen's Majesty or from the Mayor of this borough. You shall be obedient to the Mayor of this borough and his deputy, in all things which he shall in Her Majesty's name and behalf lawfully command you. You shall make true presentment to this court of all bloodsheds, outcrys, affrays, and rescues done within your precinct, and also of all drunkards which you shall know within the same, and see that good orders be kept in all inns and ale houses within your precinct, and to execute and perform all other things that shall appertain unto your office so near as God shall give you grace. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

You shall swear that you shall true Beadle be of this borough during the time you shall continue in the said office, and shall duly and faithfully take up all such swine piggs as you shall see going up and down this borough, either in the time of the markets or ffairs, or at any other time or times whatsoever, and them detain and keep until the owners thereof have paid and satisfied such penaltys and forfeitures as have been used and accustomed within this borough to be paid for the same, and if any resistance or rescouse be made upon you on this behalf you shall duly present the same to the Mayor of this borough, or his deputy for the time being, that reformation may be had therein; and that you shall at all times be attendant and obedient to the Mayor of this borough, and all and every other thing and things that belong to the office of a Beadle, according to the usage and custom of this borough, you shall well and faithfully observe and do. So help you GOD.

WOODSTOCK.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MAYOR.

You swear that you well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and all her liege people in the office of Mayor of this town and borough for and during the space of one whole year now next ensuing; that you will minister equal justice as well to the poor as to the rich to the best of your cunning, wit, and power, and that you will diligently procure such things to be done as may honestly and justly be to the profit and commodity of this corporation and also endeavour yourself to the utmost of your power to see all treasons, felonies and all other trespasses, misdemeanors, and offences whatsoever to be committed within this town and borough during the time of your office repressed, reformed, and amended, and the offenders duly punished according to law; and finally you shall support, uphold, and maintain the commonwealth within the town, and all customs, rights, liberties, jurisdictions, franchises, compositions, and all lawful ordinances thereto belonging, and in all other things appertaining to your office you shall faithfully and uprightly behave yourself for the quietness, benefit, worship, honesty and credit of this town and of the inhabitants thereof. So help you GOD.

Oath taken by the High Steward and Recorder.

You swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of this town and borough, in the office of ; and as the of this town and borough you will be faithful and just, and give good advice and counsel unto the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses for and concerning any matter or cause that shall concern or touch the franchises, liberties, and good orders thereof, whensoever they shall require or desire you so to do; and that you will not utter or disclose any of their secrets or counsel touching the fellowship or corporation of this town, whereby any prejudice, loss, or slander, or hindrance, shall or may arise from or to the same corporation; and further, that you will do to your power, wit, and cunning all and every thing that shall appertain to your office, for the benefit, worship, and credit of this town, and of the inhabitants thereof. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Town Clerk.

You swear that you will well and truly serve the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of this town in the office of Town Clerk of this town and borough, and that you will by yourself or by your sufficient deputy, according to the customs and services of this town, truly see all plaints, actions, process, and matters in the courts to be holden before the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of this town duly entered and recorded, as they ought to be, after the best of your cunning, wit, or power, taking for the same your due fees, and that you will truly and diligently do and accomplish all other things appertaining to your said office after the best of your knowledge. So help you God.

Oath taken by Chamberlain.

You swear that you will well and truly serve the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of this town and borough in the office of Chamberlain for the year ensuing, and that do right to all manner of people, both rich and poor, in those things which touch your office. The receipt of the money due or belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of this town and corporation you shall truly and safely keep and have always in readiness to the use and behoof of the corporation of this town whenever occasion shall require, and that you will not waste or spend the same, but make true declarations and accounts thereof when you shall be thereunto required, without concealment, according to the trust and credit to you committed in this behalf.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Serjeant-at-Mace.

You swear that you will well and truly serve the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of this town in the office of Serjeant-at-Mace, and as Serjeant-at-Mace of this town for and during the term of one whole year, now next ensuing, and that you will well and truly do and execute all and all manner of precepts, warrants, and commandments to you to be lawfully given and directed touching or concerning any matter, cause, or process to be moved, had, or depending within this town, according to the liberties thereof; and that you will make due returns and answers thereunto, and make certificate thereof according to the effect of such precepts, warrants, and commandments, taking, therefore, your ordinary fees, and none other, and also that you will diligently give attendance on the Mayor, and wait on him as hath been accustomed, and as you ought to do, and his commandments and messages truly to do and say, and not alter the same so that it may be prejudicial or hurtful unto the said Mayor, or any other; and likewise you shall give attendance, and be aiding and assisting unto the constables of this town in anything that they or either of them shall reasonably and lawfully command or will you to do; and you shall diligently and truly do all other things appertaining to your said office to the utmost of your power. So help you God.

WALES.—FLINT.

Oath taken by the Mayor.

I, A.B., Mayor of the Borough of Flint, do make oath and swear on the Holy Evangelists of God, that I will during my continuance in the said office well and truly preserve the rights of the crown, and maintain the liberties granted by the crown to the burgesses of the said borough, and will faithfully perform those things which belong to the office of mayor of the same borough according to the best of my judgment and ability. So help me God.

HAVERFORDWEST.

Oath taken by the Mayor, as Admiral within the Liberty of Haverfordwest.

I, A.B., shall true Admiral be to our Sovereign Lady the Queen that now is, and to the town and county of Haverfordwest, and shall well and truly exercise the office thereof within the liberties of the same town and county, and well and truly to judge in all matters that shall happen to come before me as Admiral, as well between the Queen and party as between party and party. And all other things belonging to the said office of Admiral within the said town and county, I shall well and truly do and exercise during the said time I shall be Admiral. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You, A.B., shall true Burgess be to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her lawful heirs and successors, and to the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and liberties of this town and county of Haverfordwest. You shall be obedient to the Mayor and ministers of the said town and county, and shall maintain the franchises and customs of the same, and this town and county keep harmless as much as in you lyeth. You shall in all things well and truly observe, perform, fulfil, and keep all such orders as are and shall be made and established by the Mayor and common council of this town and county for the good government thereof, and shall keep Her Majesty's peace to the utmost of your power. So help you God.

MONTGOMERY.

Oath taken by the Bailiffs.

You, and each of you, shall swear that you will be true, faithful, and obedient to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and her heirs and successors, and will faithfully, according to the utmost of your ability, keep and defend this town and free borough of Montgomery, so well by day as by night. That you will in all things, and by every means in your power, defend and maintain the laws and customs, rights, and franchises of this borough during your time of Bailiwick. That you will render and give justice and judgment to every one impartially and without respect to any. That you will not reveal the secrets concerning the state and liberties of this borough to any one except to your co-burgesses. And that you will faithfully perform, fulfil, and keep all other things belonging or appertaining to your office of Bailiff by the advice of your co-burgesses according to the best of your cunning, wit, and power.

So help you God.

Oath taken by a Burgess.

You shall swear that you will be true and faithful to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, and obedient to the bailiffs of this town in all things lawful. That to your power you will aid and assist the bailiffs and other officers in the execution of their offices when thereto required. That you

will observe, keep, and defend all the laws, statutes, ordinances, customs, rights, and franchises of this corporation. That you will not reveal the secrets and state of this borough when by you it is known to anyone except to your co-burgesses; and that you will at all times do everything in your power which may conduce to the common good of this town and your co-burgesses.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE STEWARD.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and the lord of this town and borough, and the bailiffs and burgesses of the same in the office of a Steward; and that, as Steward of this borough, you will be faithful and just, and give good advice and counsel unto the bailiffs, aldermen, and burgesses of this town and borough for and concerning any matter, cause, or thing that shall concern or touch the franchises, liberties, and good orders of this town or borough whenever they shall require or desire you so to do. That you will not utter or disclose any of their secrets or counsel touching the fellowship or corporation of this town or borough whereby any loss, prejudice, or slander may happen to the same corporation; and that you will to the best of your cunning, wit, and power do all and everything that shall appertain to your office for the most benefit, worship, and credit of this town and borough, and of the inhabitants thereof.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CORONER.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, and her and their liege people in the office of a Coroner, and as Her Majesty's Coroner of this borough during your continuance in that office; and therein you shall diligently and truly do and accomplish all and every thing and things appertaining to your office after the best of your cunning, wit, and power, both for the Queen's profit and for the good of the inhabitants within this borough, taking such fees as by law you ought and not otherwise. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE RECORDER OR TOWN CLERK.

You shall swear that you will be true and faithful to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, and will be assistant to the bailiffs of this town in all necessary affairs of this borough in your office of Recorder and Town Clerk, or Recorder of the same. That you will not embezzle or wilfully lose any of the records, books, papers, or writings belonging to the Court of Record here holden or to this corporation which shall be in your custody, or erase, deface, or alter any of them, or suffer the same to be done unless it be in open court and with the consent of the bailiffs. That you will not reveal the secrets and state of this borough to anyone except to the burgesses; and that you will honestly and impartially do and execute all things which to your office of Town Clerk or Recorder do appertain according to the best of your cunning, wit, and power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SERGEANTS AT MACE.

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve the bailiffs and burgesses of this town and borough in the office of a sergeantship, and as Sergeants of the Mace and ministers of the Court of Record here holden during your continuance in that office. That you will well, truly, and faithfully serve and execute all precepts, processes, warrants, and commandments to you or either of you to be lawfully given or directed in or concerning any matter, cause, or thing to be moved, had or depending in the said court or other court here holden, and make due and true returns and answers thereto, taking for the same your ordinary fees and none other. That you will not deliver or let go at liberty any person by you arrested or taken into custody by virtue of any such precept, process, warrant, or commandment without lawful discharge or sufficient security to answer the suit or matter depending according to the

nature thereof. That you will diligently give attendance unto the bailiffs and obey their lawful commands; and will well and truly do and execute all other business and things belonging to your said office according to the best and utmost of your knowledge and power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ATTORNEY.

You shall swear that you will be true and faithful to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors. That you will be faithful and just to your clients in their affairs, and to the bailiffs, aldermen, and burgesses of this town and borough for and concerning any matter, cause, or thing which shall relate to or touch the franchises and liberties of this town and borough; and you shall to the best of your knowledge and ability faithfully and honestly behave and demean yourself in all that shall appertain to your practice as an Attorney. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE DEPUTY BAILIFF.

You, as Deputy of A.B., Esquire, one of the Bailiffs of this borough, shall in the absence of your principal by reason of sickness, infirmity, or other cause truly and impartially execute the office of Bailiff of this borough during your continuance as his Deputy according to the best of your cunning, wit, and power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE DEPUTY STEWARD.

You, as Deputy of E.F., Esquire, the Steward of this borough, shall in his absence by reason of sickness, infirmity, or other cause truly and impartially execute the office of Steward of this borough during your continuance as his Deputy according to the best of your cunning, wit, and power.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE DEPUTY CORONER.

You, as Deputy of G.H., Esquire, the Coroner of this borough, shall in his absence by reason of sickness, infirmity, or other cause truly and impartially execute the office of Coroner of this borough during your continuance as his Deputy according to the best of your cunning, wit, and power.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE DEPUTY RECORDER AND DEPUTY TOWN CLERK.

You, as Deputy of [ ] gentleman, the Recorder and Town Clerk of this borough, shall in his absence by reason of sickness, infirmity, or other cause truly and impartially execute the office of Recorder and Town Clerk of this borough during your continuance as his Deputy according to the best of your cunning, wit, and power. So help you GOD.

NEWPORT.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MAYOR.

You shall swear that you will well and truly execute and exercise the office of Mayor for the town and liberties of Newport within the Barony of Kemes for the ensuing year; you shall do equal right to the poor and to the rich after the best of your knowledge and power and after the laws of this realm and the customs of the said borough. And that you take nothing for executing your said office but the accustomed fees. And that in all things you shall well, truly, justly and honestly do and execute the office of Mayor according to the best of your knowledge and power vested in you thereby.

So help you GOD.

Oath taken by a Constable.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen and the Lord of this leet in the office of Constable for the town and borough of Newport and the parish thereof within the Barony of Kemes for the year ensuing or until another be sworn in your stead, according to the best of your skill and knowledge. So help you God.

Oath taken by a Burgess.

You, A.B., shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors, the Lord of the Manor of the Corporation of Newport in the county of Pembroke and all others your fellow burgesses of the said corporation as a true and faithful burgess for the estates to which you are now admitted to be a burgess thereof, you shall from time to time do all duties, services, and customs due and of right accustomed to be done to the Lord of this manor of Newport and your fellow burgesses. You shall, to the best of your skill and knowledge maintain all the rights and privileges of the corporation, the Lord of this leet, and your fellow burgesses, and give immediate information of any infringement of these rights that may come to your knowledge; and attend all the Lord's Courts to be holden in and for this said manor of Newport as others the burgesses of the said town and corporation are, shall, or ought so to do. And shall in all things demean yourself as a faithful burgess ought to do. So help you God.

RADNOR.

Oath taken by a Bailiff or an Alderman.

You shall swear that you will be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen and shall well and truly execute the office of within this borough for the year ensuing whereunto you are chosen, and with all your power you shall uphold and maintain the franchises of the same with all grants and liberties belonging thereto, so far forth as you may by virtue and authority of the charter of the said borough in all things appertaining to your said office. And also you shall truly, justly, and indifferently administer justice to all people, as well poor as rich, having matters and causes before you, and shall be indifferent between party and parties, without corruption, dread, or affection for any party more than the very truth of the cause in justice shall require. Moreover, you shall to the best of your power maintain all orders, decrees, and institutions made or to be made within this borough for the common weal of the same, during the continuance in your said office thereof and the offenders therein from time to time shall punish according to the tenor and effect of the same decrees so far forth as they are warrantable by law for the offences committed. So help you God.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS (IRELAND).

Town Commissioners appointed under the Act 9 Geo. 4. c. 82 take the oath prescribed by s. 27 of the Act, which is given at p. 73, and for which it is recommended that a declaration should be substituted.

Mayors, Aldermen, Recorders, and other officers of Municipal Corporations appointed under 3 & 4 Vict. c. 108. make the declarations required by that Act, which are the same as those of 5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 76. (England and Wales) given at p. 26, which it is recommended should be retained.

Town Commissioners appointed under the Act 17 & 18 Vict. c. 103. make the declaration prescribed by the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847 (10 & 11 Vict. c. 16.), the form of which is given at p. 16, and which it is recommended should be retained.

In the towns of Drogheda and Waterford the oaths given below are in use. It would seem that Drogheda is not included in either of the three classes of boroughs mentioned above, no special oaths of office being administered to any officers besides the Mayor and the Coroner, though the oath of allegiance is administered to aldermen and town councillors. In Waterford the Mayor, Alderman, and Councillors make the declarations required by 3 & 4 Vict. c. 108, which does not prescribe any declaration for town clerks, and the Town Clerk's oath in this borough appears to have its origin from the ancient charter of the borough granted by Charles II.

DROGHEDA.

Oath taken by the Mayor.

Proposed Declaration.

A declaration to follow the form of that recommended for a Justice of the Peace. See p. 102.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria in the office of Mayor of the town and county of Drogheda and Justice of the Peace, Escheator, and Clerk of the Market within the said town and county for the term of one whole year, if you so long shall continue in said office; the rights that appertain to our Sovereign Lady you shall to your utmost maintain and help; you shall not consent to anything prejudicial thereunto; if you know of anything which may be hurtful to our said Sovereign Lady, you shall discover the same with all speed and faithfulness in such manner as the law directs; you shall to the best of your understanding do equal right to the poor as to the rich; you shall not wilfully delay the same, nor suffer yourself to be misguided by love, hatred, or hope of profit; in receiving of writs, overseeing of victuals and labourers, you diligently behave yourself according to the laws and statutes of this realm; you shall not substitute any deputy but such for whom you will answer; and in all things belonging to your office as Mayor you shall truly, honestly, and indifferently behave yourself.

So help your God and by the holy contents of that Book.

Oath taken by the Coroner.

Proposed Declaration.

You shall be whole and true to our Sovereign Lady Victoria of Great Britain and Ireland, and to her heirs and successors in the office of Coroner of the town and county of Drogheda, and all things that belong or appertain to your office you shall well, truly, and indifferently observe.

You shall be whole and true to our Sovereign Lady Victoria of Great Britain and Ireland, and to her heirs and successors, in the office of Coroner of the town and county of Drogheda from this day until the next election day, if God gives you life and health so long; you shall not consent nor assent to anything that may turn to be in derogation or hindrance unto our said Sovereign Lady or her inheritance; if you know of any such, you shall do your diligence and power certify our Lady thereof; and if you may not come to her presence, you shall certify and declare to them that be her officers and of her council that will certify her thereof; writs and precepts that come to your hands you shall truly execute and return them; you shall truly view all that be drowned and murdered, or die by any other misfortune or misadventure, and truly enquire thereof, and true presentment make, and truly yield up presentments and indictments and records to the Queen's justices when they come into this county; this and all other things that belong or appertain to your office you shall well, truly, and indifferently observe.

So help your God.

WATERFORD.

Oath taken by the Town Clerk.	*Proposed Declaration.*
I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will well, truly, and diligently fulfil and perform the office of Town Clerk in and for the city of Waterford, according to the best of my skill and knowledge.	*I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will well, truly, and diligently fulfil and perform the office of Town Clerk in and for the city of Waterford, according to the best of my skill and knowledge.*

SCOTTISH BURGHS.

In those burghs in which oaths of office other than the oath of allegiance are administered, it is, so far as the returns to the Commission show, the almost universal practice to use a form of the oath *de fideli administratione officii*, of which there is no settled form, but which is in general use throughout Scotland. The following are the forms which have been returned by the town clerks of several burghs:—

FORMS OF THE OATH *DE FIDELI &c.*

Aberdeen.

I do hereby swear that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of , to which I have been appointed, as I shall answer to God.

Arbroath.

I promise and swear faithfully to perform the duties of And so help me God.

Campbelton.

I swear that I will act faithfully in the office of

Culross.

I swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of my office of So help me God.

Forres.

I do swear that I will truly and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of , to which I have been elected [*or* appointed].

Hamilton.

I swear by Almighty God, and as I shall answer to God at the Great Day of Judgment, that I will faithfully and truly discharge the duties of the office to which I have now been appointed.

Inverness.

I solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of of the burgh of Inverness.

Inverurie.

I swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of of this burgh, to which I have been elected, as I shall answer to God.

LANARK.

I swear that I will faithfully discharge the office of to which I have been appointed.

MUSSELBURGH.

I promise and swear to be faithful in the discharge of the duties of the said office.

NAIRN.

I swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of of the burgh of Nairn.

OBAN.

I do swear that I shall faithfully and truly discharge the office to which I have been appointed during the time of my appointment, and shall not for favour, respect, or fear of any man forbear to do what becomes me in said office, So help me GOD.

PORT GLASGOW.

I do hereby promise and swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of of this burgh, to which I have been elected.
So help me GOD.

SANQUHAR.

I promise and swear faithfully to perform the duties of the office of
And so help me GOD.

But in Culross, Dunbar, and Pittenweem, the following special forms are in use :—

CULROSS.

OATH TAKEN BY A COUNCILLOR.

Ye and every one of you here faithfully promise and swear before God that in your election of the Magistrates you shall give your voice to such as you know to be able men, fearing God and hating covetousness; as also that ye shall faithfully in your stations as Councillors for a year go about your duty carefully and punctually in all that concerns, and that ye shall keep public meetings of the town's council for the public good thereof; and that ye nor none of you divert yourselves therefrae without leave asked and obtained from the Magistrates for that effect, and that you shall give your best council and advice faithfully and impartially to the Magistrates without feud or favour of any, and that ye shall keep secret all matters that shall be agitate therein, and shall noways divulge or make open the same unless upon good grounds or occasions, and ye shall assist your Magistrates in everything tending to the welfare of the burgh and suppressing of sin and vice, and shall not council nor devise nor plot anything tending to the hurt of the burgh, but shall divulge and make known anything that comes to your knowledge that tends to the hurt of the burgh, as ye shall answer. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A MAGISTRATE.

Ye and every one of you here faithfully promise and swear before God that ye shall discharge the office of Magistracy for the space of a year, carefully and diligently in maintaining and defending the liberties and privileges of this burgh according to your power, and that ye shall execute justice faithfully and

impartially to all the inhabitants and others within your jurisdiction, and that ye shall to the utmost of your power suppress sin and vice, and that ye shall do every other lawful thing incumbent to your place, as occasion shall offer and necessity shall require, as ye shall answer. So help me GOD.

DUNBAR.

OATH TAKEN BY A MAGISTRATE.

I swear that I will be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen and to the council of this burgh; that I will keep the laws and constitution of this burgh, and defend the privileges thereof to the utmost of my power, and that I shall do justice to rich and poor in like manner after my knowledge without dread, fear, favour, or respect of persons.

So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A TREASURER.

I swear that I shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to her successors, and to the magistrates, council, and community of this burgh; I shall defend the liberties and privileges thereof to the utmost of my power, and shall leally and faithfully exercise the office of a Treasurer within this burgh. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A COUNCILLOR.

I do swear that I will be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her successors, and to the magistrates of this burgh. I shall give leal and true counsel to the magistrates, council, and community, and the best counsel that I have I shall give when required thereto. I shall really and truly decide all matters by them to me presented. I shall maintain the officers of the burgh in the execution of their offices and the administration of justice. I shall act in the affairs of the common gude with justice and frugality as if it were my own private concern. I shall maintain and defend the whole rights and privileges of the burgh with the constitution thereof as presently established. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE PROCURATOR FISCAL.

I do swear that I will faithfully and truly discharge the office of Procurator Fiscal of the burgh of Dunbar, under the Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862, to which I was appointed by minute of council of date the 10th of May last, and that during the whole time I am continued in office; and shall not for fear, favour, or respect of man, forbear to do what becometh me in said office, and shall regard the keeping and preserving of Her Majesty's peace, and shall nowise hide, cover, or conceal any breach thereof, or any of the proofs and evidences I can procure and give for the clearing and improving thereof. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CHAMBERLAIN.

I do swear that I will faithfully and truly discharge the offices of Chamberlain of the burgh of Dunbar, and of Collector and Treasurer under the Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862, to which I was appointed by minute of council of date the 10th day of May eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and that during the whole time I am continued in office; and shall not for fear, favour, or respect of man, forbear to do what becometh me in said office. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK UNDER POLICE, &c. ACT.

I do swear that I will be true and faithful to Her Majesty Queen Victoria and Her successors, and to the Magistrates and Council of the burgh of Dunbar, as Commissioners under "The General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862," and shall faithfully and truly execute the office of Clerk to the Commissioners to which I have this day been appointed.

Oath taken by a Police Officer.

I do swear that I will faithfully and truly discharge the office of a burgh and Police Officer within the burgh of Dunbar during the time I am continued in office, and shall not for favour, respect, or fear of man, forbear to do what becometh me in said offices, and shall regard the keeping and preserving of Her Majesty's peace, and shall give true information to the Magistrates of any breach thereof within my bounds, and shall nowise hide, cover, or conceal the same, or any of the proofs and evidences I can give for the clearing and improving thereof. So help me God.

PITTENWEEM.

Oath taken by a Magistrate or a Councillor.

I do swear that I will faithfully and impartially, to the best of my skill, knowledge, wit, and power, execute the trust and office of of this Burgh of Pittenweem, and shall do equal right both to poor and rich, conform to the laws, statues, and customs of the land and of this burgh, and that I shall not be of counsel or biassed with any person in any quarrel or matter depending before the Magistrates or Council of this burgh, and shall keep the Courts and Councils not having any just impediment to the contrary; and in general shall truly and faithfully discharge my duty as of this burgh, and shall leave nothing undone that may tend to the welfare and utility of the same and inhabitants thereof, as I shall answer to God. So help me God.

It is recommended that the following form of declaration be used in the case of all officers of Scottish Burghs:—

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of to which I have been appointed.

ORDER OF ST. PATRICK.

Declaration made by a Knight.

Proposed Alteration.

To omit the words now printed within brackets.

I declare upon my honour that during the time I shall be a fellow of this Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, I will keep, defend, and sustain the honours, rights, and privileges of the Sovereign of the said Order, [and well and truly accomplish all the statutes, points, and ordinances of the said Order, as though they were read to me from point to point and article to article,] and that wittingly and willingly I will not break any statutes of the said Order, or any article in them contained, excepting such as I shall have received a dispensation from from the Sovereign.

Declaration made by the Prelate and Chancellor.

Proposed Alteration.

To omit the words now printed within brackets.

I promise [to my true power, during my life, and] during the time that I shall be of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, to be of council to, and keep and accomplish all the statutes, points, and ordinances of the said Order, so far as they regard the office of of the said Most Illustrious Order, excepting such as I shall have received a dispensation from from the Sovereign.

DECLARATION MADE BY THE REGISTRAR, SECRETARY, AND GENEALOGIST.

I promise to my true power, during my life, and during the time that I shall be of the most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, to be of council, and to keep all the secrets of the said Order, and that all things which appertain to the said office of Registrar I will duly observe, and obey all things which I shall receive in command from the Sovereign.

Proposed Declaration.

I, A.B., promise during the time that I shall be of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, duly to observe all things which appertain to the said office of , and to obey all commands which I shall receive from the Sovereign, and during my life to keep all the secrets of the said order.

DECLARATION MADE BY THE USHER AND KING OF ARMS.

I promise [to my true power, during my life, or] during the time that I shall be of the most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, diligently and duly to observe and execute all things which shall be commanded by the Sovereign, and which it is my duty to perform as of the said Most Illustrious Order.

Proposed Alteration.

To omit the words now printed within brackets.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

OATH TAKEN BY THE PROVOST.

Proposed Declaration.

Ego, A.B., electus in Præpositum hujus Collegii Sanctæ Trinitatis, omnia et singula quæ ad hoc officium pertinent bene et fideliter observabo, necnon statutis et ordinationibus hujus collegii, quatenus personam meam concernunt, obtemperabo.

Ego, G. C., in Præpositum hujus Collegii Sanctæ Trinitatis nuper electus, juro me veram Christi religionem ex animo complexurum, Scripturæ auctoritatem, hominum judiciis præpositurum regulam vitæ, et summam fidei inde petiturum, auctoritatem regiam in omnibus summam, et externorum episcoporum jurisdictioni minimè subjectam estimaturum, contrarias vero verbo Dei opiniones omni conatu aversaturum. Juro etiam me omnia dicti collegii beneficia, fundos, prædia, possessiones, dominia, proventus, jura, libertates, privilegia, omnia, denique bona, sine imminutione, et vastatione, quantum in me situm erit, et jure possum, conservaturum, et administraturum, statuta hujus collegii pro virili meâ in omnibus servaturum, iisque omnibus quæ exeorum præscript gerentur, meum assensum accomodaturum, omnesque et singulos, socios, et discipulos, pensionarios, sizatores, et cætera collegii membra ex iisdem legibus, et statutis sine ullius generis, aut conditionis, aut personarum respectu, gratiâ, aut odio recturum, et defensurum; atque ut prædicta omnia legitime et salutariter ab aliis administrentur, ac defendantur, quantum in me est, curaturum. Similiter etiam me, neque in meis, neque alienis ultra tempus in statutis præscriptum a collegio ab futurum, nisi vel collegii, vel regni negotia vel regia auctoritas me alio avocaverit, aut vis, morbus, contagium, aut alia quæpiam causa necessaria evenerit, ab Archiepiscopo Dubliniensi in absentia cancellarii approbanda. Deinde juro, si loco motus fuero, aut si sponte cessero, me omnia collegii bona, quæ in mea potestate sunt, Præsidi, vel Thesaurariis Collegii, aut statim, si id fieri potest, aut intra quindecem dies, sine controversiâ vel immunitione redditurum. Postremo juro, si munere Præpositi jure, et legitime abdicatus fuero, me nullam litem, actionemve iis, qui me legitime abdicarunt, eâ de causâ unquâm in posterum intentaturum. Item quod non impetrabo, nec procurabo directe, vel indirecte dispensationem aliquam contra juramenta mea prædicta, aut contra ordinationes, aut statuta collegii, vel ipsorum aliquod. Hæc omnia et singula observabo, ita me DEUS adjuvet; tactis Sacrosanctis Christi Evangeliis.

Oath taken by a Fellow.

Proposed Declaration.

Ego, G.C., electus in numerum sociorum hujus collegii statutis collegii obtemperabo, et ea ab aliis observanda (quantum in me est) curabo. Præposito in omnibus licitis et honestis parebo. In negotiis collegii administrandis quæ curanda suscepero, fidelem operam præstabo.

Ego, G.C., electus in numerum sociorum hujus collegii, sanctè coram Deo profiteor, me sacræ Scripturæ auctoritatem in religione summam agnoscere, et quæcunque in sancto Dei verbo continentur, vere et ex animo credere, et pro facultate meâ omnibus opinionibus, quas vel pontificii, vel alii contra sacræ Scripturæ veritatem tuentur, constanter repugnaturum. Quod ad regiam auctoritatem attinet, serenissimi nunc regis Caroli, eam secundum Deum summam in regnis Angliæ, Scotiæ, et Hiberniæ essè agnosco, et nullus externi principis, aut pontificis potestati obnoxiam. Profiteor insuper me nullum omnino ecclesiasticum beneficium jam possidere, et si clum socius hujus collegii fuero, aliquod acceperim, nisi vel in urbe Dubliniensi sit vel in locis intra quindecim milliaria, si modo sit beneficium curatum vel si non sit curatum, intra triginta milliaria ad maximum ab eâ distantibus, et non excedat valorem decem librarum sterlingarum in libro censuali fisci regii me locum meum inter socios intra annum resignaturum. Quinetiam statutis collegii obtemperabo, et ea ab aliis observanda (quantum in me est) curabo. Scholastica exercitia singula Sociis in statutis injuncta, diligentèr præstabo: Et si mihi cura prælegendi aliis, aut officii alicujus ad bonum collegii regimen obeundi commissa fuerit, eâ studiose perfungar. Collegii et singulorum in eo studentium præsertim præpositi, et sociorum seniorum salutem, et dignitatem, pacem, et commodum pro virili meâ tuebor, et procurabo, Consilia, et coitiones, conjurationes, et insidias, quæ contra quemcunque in collegii degentem fuint, si de iisdem cognovero, omni honestâ ratione, quantum potero, impediam, et iis quorum interierit, nunciabo, Præposito in omnibus licitis, et honestis promptissima voluntate, et studio parebo; ac proinde factiones contra Præpositum et partium studia nunquam inibo, nec iniri procurabo, sed quantum in me est vitabo, et ne ab aliis ineantur, quantum in me est impediam, Studiorum finis erit mihi theologiæ professio, ut ecclesiæ Dei prodesse possim, nisi aliter Deus mentem meam deinceps inclinaverit aut nisi in numero corum quibus per statuta liceat aliu studia amplecti, nominatus, et electus fuero. In negotiis collegii administrandis quæ curanda suscepero, fidelem operam præstabo. Hæc omnia supra memorata in me recipio, Deoque teste, me sedulo facturum promitto, ac spondeo; tactis Sacrosanctis Christi Evangeliis.

Oath taken by a Scholar.

Proposed Declaration.

Ego, N.N., electus in numerum discipulorum hujus collegii, statutis collegii obtemperabo. Præposito in omnibus licitis et honestis parebo.

Ego, N. N., electus in numerum Discipulorum hujus collegii, sancte coram Deo profiteor, me regiam auctoritatem serenissimi nunc regis Caroli secundum Deum summam esse in regnis Angliæ, Scotiæ, et Hiberniæ agnoscere, et nullius externi principis aut pontificis potestati obnoxiam, juro etiam, quod statutis collegii libenter obtemperabo, et ea ab aliis observanda (quantum in me est) curabo. Scholastica exercitia singula, discipulis in statutis injuncta, diligenter præstabo; et si cura mihi muneris alicujus obeundi in negotiis collegii administrandis commissa fuerit, eâ studiose perfungar, collegii et singulorum in eo studentium, præsertim Præpositi, et Sociorum seniorum salutem, et dignitatem, pacem, et commodum pro virili mea tuebor, et procurabo. Concilia, coitiones, conjurationes, et insidias, quæ contra quemcunque in collegio degenetem fuint, si de iisdem cognovero, omni honesta ratione, quantum potero, impediam, et iis quorum interierit, nunciabo, Præposito in omnibus licitis, et honestis, promptissimâ voluntate, et studio parebo; ac proinde factiones contra Præpositum, et partium studia nunquam inibo, nec iniri procurabo, sed vitabo, et ne ab aliis ineantur (quantum in me est) impediam. Hæc omnia supra memorata in me recipio Deoque teste, me sedulo facturum promitto, ac spondeo; tactis Sacrosanctis Christi Evangeliis.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

"Sponsio Academica" signed by a Graduate in Medicine.

Ego Doctoratus in Arte Medicâ titulo jam donandus sancte coram Deo cordium scrutatore, spondes, me in omni grati animi officio erga Academiam Edinburgenam ad extremum vitæ halitum perseveraturum.

Tum porro Artem Medicam caute, caste, probeque exercitaturum, et quoad potero, omnia ad ægrotorum corporum salutem conducentia cum fide procuraturum. Quæ, denique, inter medendum visa vel audita sileri conveniat, non sine gravi causa vulgaturum.

Ita præsens spondenti adsit numen.

Proposed Declaration.

Ego, Doctoratus in Arte Medicâ titulo jam donandus, artem medicam caute, caste, probeque exercitabo, et quoad potero, omnia ad ægrotorum corporum salutem conducentia cum fide procurabo; quæ, denique, inter medendum visa vel audita sileri conveniat, non sine gravi causâ vulgabo.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.

Oath taken by a Graduate in Medicine.

Proposed Declaration.

The same as that proposed for the University of Edinburgh.

Testor Deum Omnipotentem me hoc jusjurandum pro virili servaturum, victus rationem ægris commodam et salutarem præscripturum; nullius intercessione nec sponte noxium pharmacum cuiquam propinaturum; sed sancte et caste vitam artemque meam instituturum; in quasamque domos introvero ad ægrotantium duntaxat salutem ingressarum et abomni injuria inferenda procul futurum; quæcunque inter curandum videro audiverove siquidem ea efferre non expediat silentio suppressarum.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS.

Oath taken by a Student on Matriculation.

Proposed Declaration.

Ego, nomen subscribens polliceor me obsequium debitum exhibiturum huic Academiæ Andreanæ.

Ego ingenuus adolescens nomen subscribens sancte polliceor, me in religione reformata perseveraturum, preceptoribus obsequium debitum exhibiturum, et hujus Academiæ Andreanæ emolumentum et commodum, quantum in me sit, procuraturum ad quemcunque vitæ satum pervenero.

Oath taken by a Graduate in Medicine.

Proposed Declaration.

The same as that proposed for the University of Edinburgh.

Testor Deum Omnipotentem me hoc jusjurandum pro virili servaturum: victus rationem ægris commodum et salutarem me praescripturum; nullius monitu, nec sponte, noxium alicui pharmacum oblaturum; sed sancte et caste vitam artemque meam instituturum; in quamcunque domum intraverim ad ægrotantium duntaxat salutem me ingressurum et ab omni injuriâ inferendâ procul futurum: quæcunque inter curandum viderim vel audiverim, siquidem ea efferri non expediat silentio me suppressurum.

CORPORATION OF TRINITY HOUSE.

Oath taken by the Master or Master's Deputy.

Proposed Declaration.

I A.B. do solemnly and sincerely declare that during the time of my being the Master of this Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, I will, to the uttermost of my skill and knowledge, do my true endeavours that the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood may be well and orderly guided and governed, and the good and benefit thereof augmented and sought, and in all things use and behave myself as to the Master's place appertaineth.

You shall swear that you, during the time of your being the Master of this Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, shall not seek secretly, suddenly, or unnecessarily, to withdraw or absent yourself from the guidance and government that appertains unto you therein; and together therewithal shall do your true endeavour, that all and every the orders, constitutions, and ordinances heretofore made and established for the good government of the said Guild, and now in force, or at any time or times hereafter, during your being Master, there shall be made and ordained for the same government, may be duly maintained and kept, as well in your person as in all others of the same Guild, according to the intent and true meaning of the same orders, constitutions, and ordinances, and every of them. And in all matters and causes of the said Guild, or referred thither forth of the Court of the Admiralty, or by or from the Judge thereof, or any his lawful surrogate, substitute, or deputy there for the time being, to be determined, decided, or reported, you shall indifferently, and without respect of persons, or unnecessary delay, seek to bring to an end, as to justice appertaineth. In the execution of your office or place, you shall spare or forbear no man for favour or love, or grieve or vex any man for malice or hate. Extortion or wrong under colour of your place shall you not do or cause to be done, neither to anything that shall be against the peace, crown, and dignity of our Sovereign Lord the King, or the weal and profit of this Guild shall you yield your consent, but let and hinder the same what you may. And moreover you from time to time during the same your being Master, shall to the uttermost of your skill and knowledge, do your true endeavours, that the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, may be well and orderly guided and governed, and the good and benefit thereof augmented and sought, and in all things use and behave yourself as to the said Master's place appertaineth.

So help you God.

Oath taken by a Warden or Warden's Deputy.

Proposed Declaration.

I A.B. do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will well and truly oversee this Guild, Fraternity, and Brotherhood whereof I am chosen one of the Wardens. And for the time that I shall be in my office or place of Warden, in all things that shall be belonging unto the same Guild, after the orders and customs thereof, well and lawfully I will behave myself.

You shall swear that you shall well and truly oversee this Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood whereof you be chosen one of the Wardens for the time now to come, and all the good orders, constitutions, and ordinances of the same Guild, from time to time, as they be in force, shall you keep and cause to be kept, according to the intent and true meaning of the same orders, constitutions, and ordinances, and every of them; and all the defaults and offences that you shall find in the same Guild to be made, done, or committed, ye shall well and truly present, or cause to be presented, at the next court to be holden for the said Guild, sparing therein no man for favour or love, or vexing any person for malice or hate. Ye shall not seek either suddenly or unnecessarily to withdraw or exempt yourself from the execution of your office or place before the time appointed you be expired or ended. Extortion or wrong under colour of your office ye shall not do, or procure to be done, neither to anything that shall be against the King's Majesty's peace, his crown

and dignity, or the weal and profit of this Guild shall you yield your consent, but let and hinder the same what you may. And for the time that ye shall be in your office or place of Warden, in all things that shall be belonging unto the same Guild, after the orders and customs thereof, well and lawfully you shall behave yourself. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT OR ASSISTANT'S DEPUTY.

You shall swear that you shall from time to time, so long as you shall supply the office and place of an Assistant within this Guild, according to the election that hath been made of you, aid and assist the Master, the Wardens, and the rest of the Assistants of this Guild, and all and every of their Deputies for the time being, with the best of your experience, skill, and understanding, for the well-governing of the same Guild, according to the orders, customs, constitutions, and ordinances thereof; and the same orders, customs, constitutions, and ordinances, and every of them, being lawful, just, and in force, you shall do your true endeavour to see them kept and observed, both in your own person and in all others of the same Guild. You shall not seek either secretly, suddenly, or unnecessarily to withdraw or exempt yourself from the execution of your office or place within the time appointed you at your election. Extortion or wrong by colour of your place shall you not do nor procure to be done, neither to anything that shall be against the King's Majesty's peace, his crown and dignity, or the weal and profit of this Guild shall you yield your consent, but let and hinder the same in what you may. And from the time that you shall be or serve in your office or place of one of the Assistants, in all things that shall be belonging to the said Guild, after the orders and customs thereof, well and lawfully you shall behave yourself. So help you GOD.

Proposed Declaration.

I A.B. do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will from time to time, so long as I shall supply the office and place of an Assistant within this Guild, serve in my office or place of one of the Assistants in all things that shall be belonging to the said guild, after the orders and customs thereof.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ELDER BROTHER.

Ye shall swear to be faithful and true unto our Sovereign Lord King George the Fourth, his heirs and lawful successors. Ye shall be faithful and true unto this Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood whereof you are now made a special member. And in that you are now called to the Fellowship of Elder Brothers, ye shall faithfully use yourself, as becometh your place; ye shall be obedient, aiding, and helping unto the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of this company, and their Deputies there for the time being; the secrets and privities of the said company ye shall heal and not bewray; and if you shall know any person or persons which intend hurt, harm, or prejudice to our said Sovereign Lord the King, or to this said Fellowship or Guild, or the privileges of the same, ye shall speedily give knowledge thereof, or do it to be known to the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of this company, or their Deputies for the time being, or to some one of them. All and every the orders, constitutions, and ordinances which have been made or shall hereafter be made by the Master, Wardens, and their Assistants, or their Deputies for the time being, or the more part of them, or otherwise howsoever agreeable to their charter, and standing in force, ye shall well and truly hold and keep, or in default thereof pay or cause to be paid to the clerk of the said Guild (for the time being), to the use of the said company, all and every such mulcts, pains, and penalties as have or shall be limited and set against the offenders and transgressors of the same. So help you GOD.

Proposed Declaration.

I A.B. do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be faithful and true unto our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, Her heirs and lawful successors. I will be faithful and true unto this Guild, Fraternity, and Brotherhood whereof I am now made a Special Member.

Oath taken by a Younger Brother.

Proposed Declaration.

I A.B. do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen and to Her heirs and successors; and that I will aid by all the best means I can to uphold and maintain the good and welfare of this Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood whereof I am now made a Member.

You shall swear to be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lord King George the Fourth, and to his heirs and lawful successors, and to be aiding, by all the best means you can, to uphold and maintain the good and welfare of this Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, whereof you be now made a member. Ye shall always be obedient unto the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the same, and their Deputies for the time being, and use yourself as becometh a Younger Brother for the time you shall so continue. All and every the orders, constitutions, and ordinances which have been made or shall hereafter be made by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or their Deputies for the time being, or the more part of them, or otherwise howsoever agreeable to their charter, and standing in force, ye shall well and truly hold and keep, or in default thereof pay or cause to be paid to the clerk of the said Guild for the time being, to the use of this company, all and every such mulcts, pains, and penalties as have and shall be limited and set against the offenders and transgressors of the same.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Clerk.

Proposed Declaration.

I A.B. do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria and to Her heirs and lawful successors; and that I will aid, by all the best means I can, to uphold and maintain the good and welfare of this Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood whereof I am now made the Clerk and Minister.

You shall swear to be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lord King George the Fourth, and to his heirs, and lawful successors, and to be aiding by all the best means you can to uphold and maintain the good and welfare of this Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood whereof you be now made the clerk and minister. You shall faithfully conceal the secrets and privities of the said Guild, and always during your continuance in that office and employment be obedient to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the same, and their Deputies for the time being, in their lawful and reasonable commands concerning the execution of your office. All the mulcts, duties, payments, and sums of money whatsoever now due or hereafter during your employment to be due to the said Guild, by any person or persons, you shall to your utmost ability endeavour to collect and gather to the use of the same Guild, or upon refusal of payment thereof shall acquaint the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or their Deputies, or the greater part of them, at their court of assistants, with the same. And whatsoever sum or sums of money you shall so collect or gather you shall truly and faithfully answer, account for, satisfy, and pay to the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or the greater part of them, at their court of assistants to be holden next after such collection made or to be made. Extortion or wrong to any man you shall not do nor cause to be done, by colour of your office, neither to anything that shall be against the King's Majesty's peace, his crown and dignity, or the weal or profit of this Guild shall you yield your consent, but let and hinder the same what you may.

So help you God through Jesus Christ.

MISCELLANEOUS SCHOLASTIC INSTITUTIONS AND INCORPORATED SOCIETIES.

With regard to the oaths and declarations given under this head (pp. 173–188), it is recommended—

That each person now required to take or make an oath or declaration should simply make a declaration that he will discharge the duties rightly during his tenure of office.

ALLEYN'S COLLEGE, DULWICH.

DECLARATION MADE BY THE MASTER OF THE COLLEGE, THE UNDER MASTER OF THE UPPER SCHOOL, AND THE MASTER OF THE LOWER SCHOOL. (20 & 21 Vict. c. 84. s. 88.)

I declare, that I will always to the best of my ability discharge the duties of during my tenure of that office according to the provisions of the scheme for the regulation of Alleyn's College of God's Gift at Dulwich; and that in case I shall be removed from my office by the governors, according to the provisions of the same scheme, I will acquiesce in such removal, and will thereupon relinquish all claim to such office and its future emoluments, and upon any such removal, or upon any avoidance of my office, possession of my official residence with its appurtenances may be forthwith taken by the governors, or any person appointed by them to take possession of the same.

ETON COLLEGE.

OATH TAKEN BY THE PROVOST.

Ego N. in præpositum Collegii Regalis Sanctæ Mariæ de Etona prope Windesoram Præfectus juro, tactis et inspectis per me istis sacrosanctis Evangeliis, quod dictum collegium, terras, tenementa, possessiones, redditus spirituales et temporales, jura, libertates, privilegia, et bona ejusdem quæcumque, necnon omnes et singulos scholares, socios, et personas ipsius Regalis Collegii, juxta statuta et ordinationes Christianissimi et excellentissimi principis Henrici Sexti Angliæ et Franciæ regis ac domini Hiberniæ, fundatoris ipsius collegii, absque personarum, generis, aut patriæ acceptione quacumque regam, custodiam, dirigam, et etiam gubernabo, et per alios regi, custodiri, dirigi, et gubernari faciam juxta posse. Item, quod non magis uni quam alteri presbyterorum, sociorum, scholarium, capellanorum, clericorum, aut aliarum personarum dicti collegii, injuste favens aut partialis ero; nec me partem pro aliquo aliqualiter faciam contra justitiam, aut contra charitatis et fraternitatis amorem, gravamina vel molestias alicui quomodolibet per me vel per alium inferendo: quodque quantum in me fuerit correctiones, punitiones, et reformationes debitas, rationabiles, atque justas, de quibuscumque delictis, criminibus, et excessibus sociorum, scholariumque, ac cæterarum personarum dicti Collegii Regalis quorumcumque, quotiens, ubi, et quando, ac prout opus fuerit, juxta negotii qualitatem omnemque vim formam, et effectum ordinationum et statutorum dicti collegii per dictum metuendissimum principem editorum seu in posterum edendorum, absque partialitate quacumque, postpositis et cessantibus omnimodis prece, pretio, amore, timore, odio, invidia, et favore, necnon affectionibus consanguinitatis et affinitatis, prærogativisque specialibus, ex quibucumque causis prætensis etiam et conceptis diligenter et indifferenter faciam et exercebo,

seu per alios fieri et exerceri faciam et etiam procurabo; et ea quæ in ea parte fuerint facienda fideliter in omnibus exequar et exequi faciam juxta posse; et si hujusmodi punitiones et reformationes, ut præfertur, debite facere non potero, propter metum et potentiam seu multitudinem delinquentium, ipsorum nomina et cognomina, cum qualitate et quantitate delictorum, criminum, et excessuum hujusmodi, extunc quam citius potero infra duos menses domino Lincolniensi episcopo, seu, ipso in remotis agente, ipsius vicario in spiritualibus generali, seu, sede episcopali vacante, custodi spiritualitatis ibidem, denunciabo et revelabo, et per eos hujusmodi correctiones, punitiones, et reformationes, juxta statuta et ordinationes prædicta in omnibus solerter et celeriter, quatenus in me fuerit, fieri procurabo. Item, quod gubernationi et regimini terrarum possessionum, et reddituum spiritualium et temporalium, necnon administrationi bonorum et rerum ad ipsum collegium qualitercumque pertinentium, cum debita diligentia; et providentia mihi a Deo concessis fideliter et diligenter intendam; ac alios ejusdem collegii officiarios et ministros deputatos, et deputandos eorum officiis et ministeriis, intendere faciam juxta posse. Item, quod bona et catalla dicti collegii ad commodum et utilitatem ejusdem, prout necessitas evidens exegerit, ac statuta et ordinationes dicti illustrissimi principis in hac parte dictaverint administrabo, eaque procurabo, et faciam utiliter et fideliter ab aliis ministrari: et quæ residua fuerint et excrescent conservabo, et faciam ad incrementum dicti Regalis Collegii et commodum fideliter conservari. Item, quod lites et placita quæcumque ipsius collegii defendam; necnon omnia et singula negotia ipsum collegium qualitercumque concernentia prosequar diligenter; possessionesque, libertates, privilegia, et jura quæcumque ipsius collegii manutenebo viriliter et defendam, et ab aliis manuteneri faciam et defendi: ita tamen quod causas placita, aut lites graves, in quibus verti poterit ipsius collegii exhæredatio vel grave præjudicium absque omnium dicti collegii sociorum, presbyterorum, vel majoris partis eorundem, maturo et deliberato consensu non incipiam, vel movebo, nec inchoari vel moveri faciam quovis modo. Idem, quod ultra sexaginta dies continuos, vel interpolatis vicibus discontinuos, in anno aliquo a dicto collegio absens non ero, nisi in et pro negotiis collegii supradicti, vel ex urgenti et justa causa per majorem partem omnium sociorum dicti collegii tunc præsentium approbanda. Item, quotiens aliqua electio de scholaribus in Collegium Regale Cantebrigiæ, vel in Collegium Regale de Etona de sociis, scholaribus, seu viris pauperibus immineat facienda, ut solum tales eligantur, quos secundum conditiones et qualitates in ordinationibus et statutis dictorum collegiorum expressatas habiles et idoneos reputaverim, et quos in scientiis et facultatibus quibus insistent ad commodum et utilitatem collegiorum ipsorum plus posse proficere ac debere firmiter crediderim, sine personarum vel patriæ acceptione, amore, odio, invidia, et favore, timore, prece, ac pretio, postpositis quibuscumque, quantum ad me pertinet, partes meas fideliter interponam, et id fieri effectualiter procurabo. Item, ut dicto Regali Collegio et scholaribus ac choristis ejusdem de bonis honestis, sufficientibus et idoneis, magistro informatore et hostiario sub ipso, pro informatione dictorum scholarium, necnon de uno honesto virtuoso clerico vel presbytero in cantu organico et aliis bene et sufficienter instructo, qui choristas ejusdem Regalis Collegii in cantu hujusmodi instruendos instruat et informet, provideatur debitam diligentiam faciam et apponam: ipsosque circa eorum officia insistere, et iisdem diligenter vacare, et ea fideliter exercere, quantum in me fuerit et ad me pertinet faciam, et etiam procurabo; ipsos etiam circa eorum officia negligentes, culpabiles, vel alias inutiles, prout pro commodo, utilitate, et honore dicti collegii magis expedire videbitur, corripiam, puniam, vel alias ab eorum officiis amovebo. Item, in casu quo ab officio meo ob culpam meam, vel etiam ob aliam causam, me amoveri contingat, vel si forsan officio cedam eidem, bona dicti collegii quæ post amotionem vel post cessionem hujusmodi recepero, et quæ, per me prius recepta, mihi aut usui meo applicavero, præter illa quæ mihi pro hujusmodi officio in dicti collegii de Etona statutis et ordinationibus disponuntur, successori meo præposito dicti Regalis Collegii de Etona et eidem collegio, restituam integre et refundam, absque contradictione seu diminutione quacumque. Item, si per me vel occasione mei aliqua dissentionis materia, iræ vel discordiæ in dicto collegio de Etona (quod absit!) suscitata fuerit, si super ipsa materia per socios, presbyteros, et magistrum informatorem scholarium finis rationabilis factus non fuerit, tunc ordinationi,

dispositioni, dicto, laudo, et arbitrio episcopi Lincolniensis qui pro tempore fuerit, seu, ipso in remotis agente, ejus vicarii in spiritualibus generalis, vel, episcopali sede vacante, custodiis spiritualitatis ejusdem, stabo; et quod eorum aliquis statuerit, ordinaverit, et definierit in ea parte, fideliter observabo, et eisdem cum effectu parebo, et me humiliter subiturum promitto; cessantibus appellationibus, provocationibus, quærelis, exceptionibus, et aliis juris et facti remediis quibuscumque, quibus omnibus et singulis in vim pacti renuncio in hiis scriptis. Item, quod ordinationes et statuta dicti Collegii Regalis de Etona, necnon et Collegii B.M. et Sancti Nicholai Cantebrigiæ, per prædictum excellentissimum et Christianissimum principem Henricum Sextum Angliæ, et Franciæ regem, ipsorum Collegiorum Regalium fundatorem, edita et edenda, quatenus ipsa me concernunt, secundum planum, literalem, et grammaticalem sensum et intellectum eorundem diligenter tenebo, exequar, et etiam observabo; et quantum in me fuerit faciam teneri, exequi, et ab aliis observari. Item, quod secreta dictorum Collegiorum Regalium, in damnum et præjudicum eorundem, non revelabo ad extra quovis modo. Item, quod ad dictorum collegiorum meliorationem, augmentationem bonorum, terrarum, possessionum, reddituum, et jurium eorundem conservationem et defensionem, promotionemque et expeditionem negotiorum dictorum collegium quorumcumque ad quemcumque statum, gradum, dignitatem, vel officium in posterum devenero, in sanis consiliis, beneficiis, favoribus, et auxiliis, quantum ad me fuerit et ad me pertinuerit diligenter juvabo; et pro eisdem fideliter laborabo, et usque ad finalem et fœlicem expeditionem negotiorum dictorum juxta posse instabo, quamdiu vixero in hoc mundo. Item, quod non procurabo diminutionem, mutationem, translationem, seu annullationem alicujus numeri scholarium in aliqua scientia vel facultate, nec etiam numerorum presbyterorum, capellanorum, clericorum, aut cæterorum ministrorum ecclesiarum dictorum collegiorum, statutis et ordinationibus eorundem limitati, contra formam statutorum et ordinationum collegiorum eorundem, vel ea fieri permittam, seu tolerabo secundum meum posse, seu eisdem consentiam quovis modo. Item, quod nulla alia statuta, seu ordinationes, interpretationes, immutationes, injunctiones, declarationes, aut expositiones, vel glossas alias, præsentibus ordinationibus et statutis, vel qualitercumque vero eorum intellectui et sensui eorundem repugnantes vel repugnantia, derogantes vel derogantia, contrarias vel contraria per quemcumque seu quoscumque alium vel alios quam per dictum excellentissimum principem Henricum Sextum, fundatorem prædictum, fiendis vel fienda quomodolibet acceptabo, vel ad ea consentiam, aut ipsa aliqualiter admittam; nec eisdem parebo ullo tempore vel intendam: nec illis vel eorum aliquo ullo modo utar in collegiis prædictis vel extra, tacite vel expresse; sed eis et eorum cuilibet contradicam, et etiam resistam expresse; ipsaque fieri viis et modis omnibus quibus scivero impediam juxta posse. Item, quod non ero detractor, susurro, seu faciens obloquia, aut provocans invidiam, odium, iram, discordias, contumelias, rixas, vel jurgia, aut speciales vel præcellentes prærogativas nobilitatis, generis, scientiarum, facultatum, aut divitiarum allegans; nec inter socios, capellanos, clericos, scholares, seu alios ministros eorundem collegiorum, vel alios Universitatis Cantebrigiæ scholares, australes, aquilonares, seu boreales aut scientiarum ad scientias, facultatum ad facultates, patriæ ad patriam, generis ad genus, nobilitatis ad nobilitatem seu ignobilitatem, seu aliter qualitercumque comparationes, quæ odiosæsunt, in verbo vel in facto, causa commovendi malitiose socios, cappellanos, vel scholares, scientias vel etiam facultates, tacite vel expresse, publice vel occulte, faciam quovis modo. Item, quod nullas conventiculas, conspirationes, confœderationes, aut pactiones aliquas, ubicunque infra regnum Angliæ, vel extra, contra ordinationes vel statuta dicta Regalia Collegia concernentia, vel contra ipsorum collegiorum statum, commodum, vel honorem, aut contra præpositum Regalis Collegii de Cantebrigia, vel aliquem sociorum dictorum collegiorum illicite faciam; nec procurabo, seu permittam ab aliis fieri, quantum in me fuerit, quomodolibet in futurum seu facientibus ipsa vel ipsorum aliquod præstabo seu dabo consilium, auxilium, vel favorem, aut eisdem scienter interesse præsumam nec ipsis consentiam, tacite vel expresse. Item, quod scholares dicti Regalis Collegii B.M. de Etona in prædictum Regale Collegium B.M. et Sancti Nicholai Cantebrigiæ ad annos probationis, juxta formam ordinationis et statuti superius editi, in hoc casu, electos sive nominatos, eligendos sive nominandos, procurabo admitti, et faciam juxta posse, sicut et prout superius in ordinatione et statuto prædictis plenius con-

tinetur. Item, quod non impetrabo dispensationem aliquam contra juramenta mea prædicta, et contra ordinationes et statuta, de quibus præmittitur, aut ipsorum aliquod; nec dispensationem hujusmodi per me, alium, vel alios, publice vel occulte, impetrari aut fieri procurabo, directe vel indirecte. Et si forte aliquam dispensationem hujusmodi impetrari, vel gratis offerri contigerit, cujuscumque fuerit autoritate, seu si generaliter, vel specialiter, aut alias sub quacumque forma verborum concessa, ipsa non utar, nec eidem consentiam quovis modo; sic me Deus adjuvet et hæc sacra Dei Evangelia. Et si contingat in posterum me propter mea demerita, seu causas in præsentibus ordinationibus et statutis contentas, juxta formam ordinationum et statutorum dictorum ab officio meo expelli, seu alias amoveri, ex certa mea scientia pure, sponte, simpliciter, et absolute, omni actioni, occasione expulsionis seu amotionis hujusmodi contra dicti Regalis Collegii B.M. de Etona socios vel socium quemcumque instituendæ, apellationi, et quærelæ in ea parte fiendis, aut quarumcumque literarum impetrationi precibus principum, prælatorum, procerum, magnatum, et aliorum quorumcumque, necnon et quibuscumque curiæ ecclesiasticæ seu secularis, aut aliis omnibus remediis juris et facti, per quas aut quæ petere possem me reconciliari, vel in integrum restitui, contra præmissa quantumcumque alias mihi prohibitatis et vitæ merita suffragentur, in vim pacti renuncio in hiis scriptis.

Oath taken by a Fellow.

Ego N., presbyter, in socium perpetuum Collegii Beatæ Mariæ de Etona nominatus et electus, juro ad hæc sancta Dei Evangelia, per me corporaliter tacta, quod omnia statuta et ordinationes dictum collegium de Etona, necnon Regale Collegium Beatæ Mariæ et Sancti Nicholai Cantebrigiæ, concernentia, per Christianissimum et excellentissimum principem Henricum Sextum, Dei gratia Angliæ et Franciæ regem, etc. Collegiorum Regalium prædictorum fundatorem, edita et edenda, ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta, quatenus ipsa me concernunt, secundum planum, literalem, et grammaticalem sensum et intellectum eorundem diligenter tenebo et etiam observabo; et faciam etiam, quantum in me fuerit, ab aliis teneri et etiam observari; alioquin pœnas in non parentes in præmissis, vel eorum aliquo, in dicti Collegii Regalis de Etona ordinationibus et statutis inflictas et etiam ordinatas, aut judicio et arbitrio Præpositi, vel in ejus absentia judicio et arbitrio Vice-præpositi, ejusdem virtute statuti nostri inferius editi, infligendas, ordinandas, seu etiam arbitrandas subibo, et me humiliter subiturum promitto, juxta omnem vim, formam, et effectum ordinationum et statutorum prædictorum. Item, si contingat me scire aliqua secreta Collegiorum Regalium prædictorum, ipsa non revelabo ad extra, in damnum sive præjudicium eorundem. Item, quod ad dicti Collegii Regalis de Etona meliorationem, augmentationem bonorum, terrarum, possessionum, reddituum, et jurium ejusdem conservationem, defensionem, promotionemque, et expeditionem negotiorum dicti collegii quorumcumque, ad quemcumque statum, gradum, dignitatem, vel officium in posterum devenero, in sanis consiliis, beneficiis, favoribus, et auxiliis, quantum in me fuerit, et ad me pertinuerit, diligenter juvabo; et pro eisdem fideliter laborabo, et usque ad finalem et felicem expeditionem negotiorum prædicti collegii juxta posse instabo, quamdiu vixero in hoc mundo. Item, quod non procurabo diminutionem, mutationem, seu annullationem numeri scholarium, presbyterorum, aut ministrorum ecclesiæ ipsius collegii, præsentibus statutis et ordinationibus limitati, contra formam statutorum et ordinationum eorundem; vel ea fieri permittam, secundum meum posse, aut eisdem consentiam quovis modo: quodque nulla alia statuta, ordinationes, interpretationes, mutationes, injunctiones, declarationes, aut expositiones, vel glossas alias, præsentibus nostris ordinationibus et statutis, vel qualitercumque vero sensui et intellectui eorundem repugnantes vel repugnantia, derogantes vel derogantia, contrarias vel contraria, per quemcumque seu quoscumque, alium vel alios, quam per eundum metuendissimum principem, fundatorem prædictum, fiendas vel fienda, quomodolibet acceptabo, vel ad ea consentiam quovis modo, aut ipsa aliqualiter admittam; nec eisdem parebo ullo modo, nec intendam, nec illis vel eorum aliquo ullo modo utar in collegio vel extra, tacite vel expresse; sed eis et eorum cuilibet contradicam, et etiam resistam expresse; ipsaque fieri viis et modis omnibus quibus scivero impediam juxta posse. Item, quod non ero detractor,

susurro, vel faciens obloquia, aut provocans invidiam, odium, iram, discordias, contumelias, rixas, vel jurgia; aut speciales vel præcellentes prærogativas nobilitatis, generis, aut divitiarum allegans; nec inter socios vel scholares ejusdem collegii de Etona patriæ ad patriam, generis ad genus, nobilitatis ad nobilitatem vel ad ignobilitatem, seu alias qualitercumque comparationes, quæ odiosæ sunt, in verbo vel in facto, causa commovendi maliciose socios vel scholares, tacite vel expresse, publice vel occulte, faciam quovis modo. Item, quod nullas conventiculas, conspirationes, confœderationes, seu pactiones aliquas ubicumque, infra regnum Angliæ vel extra, contra ordinationes vel statuta dictum collegium de Etona concernentia, vel contra ipsius collegii statum, commodum, vel honorem, aut contra Præpositum, Vice-præpositum, vel aliquem socium ejusdem collegii illicite faciam; nec ipsa procurabo seu permittam, ab aliis fieri, quantum in me fuerit, quomodolibet in futurum; nec facientibus ipsa vel eorum aliquod præstabo seu dabo consilium, auxilium, vel favorem, aut eisdem scienter interesse præsumam, nec ipsis consentiam, tacite vel expresse. Item, quod non impetrabo literas aut preces principum, prælatorum, aut aliorum magnatum quorumcumque, seu alia media, fieri procurabo, ut ad officium Præposituræ, Vice-præposituræ, seu alia quæcumque officia infra idem collegium per me gerenda, ullo unquam tempore eligar vel assumar. Quodque fidelis ero, ac etiam diligens, in quocumque hujusmodi officio, ad quod me absque literarum aut precum hujusmodi impetrationibus, sive modis illicitis, in eodem collegio eligi et assumi contigerit; illudque, cum debite electus et sic assumptus fuero, admittam, et pro posse meo fideliter adimplebo. Quodque dicto collegio fidelis ero; damna, scandala, vel præjudicia dicti collegii, quatenus in me fuerit, nullatenus faciam, nec quomodolibet fieri sustinebo; sed illa, per me et alios, modis quibus potero, impediam: et si ipsa impedire non potero, Præposito, Vice-præposito, aut Bursariis dicti collegii revelabo. Præposito insuper, ac in ejus absentia, vel eo legitime impedito, Vice-præposito, et eis fortassis ex necessari et urgenti causa absentibus socio seniori tunc præsenti, in licitis et honestis, et maxime in dicti collegii negotiis, obediam et assistam, et reverentiam debitam obedienter impendam; monitionibusque et injunctionibus et decretis, correctionibus et punitionibus quibuscumque Præpositi et Vice-præpositi dicti collegii, quorumcumque qui pro tempore fuerint, secundum formam ordinationum et statutorum ejusdem collegii in posterum faciendis, quantum in me fuerit, et ad me pertinuerit, parebo humiliter cum effectu; contrarium vero vel repugnans præmissis in judicio vel extra, tacite vel expresse, non faciam, seu fieri procurabo, aut eisdem consentiam quovis modo. Item, quod de veris et perpetuis sociis, presbyteris in dictum collegium de Etona eligendis et admittendis, fidele consilium et auxilium omni favore postposito tribuam et impendam, ut de bonis personis castis, modestis, honestis, aptis juxta formam statutorum prædictorum provideatur eidem. Item, quod non impetrabo dispensationem aliquam contra juramenta mea prædicta, vel contra ordinationes et statuta de quibus præmittitur, aut ipsorum aliquod; nec dispensationem hujusmodi per me, alium, vel alios, publice vel occulte, impetrari aut fieri procurabo, directe vel indirecte, et si forte aliquam dispensationem hujusmodi impetrari vel gratis offerri vel concedi contigerit, cujuscumque fuerit auctoritate, seu si generaliter vel specialiter, aut alias sub quacumque forma verborum concessa, ipsa non utar, nec eidem consentiam quovis modo; sic me Deus adjuvet et hæc sancta Dei Evangelia. Et si contingat in posterum me propter contemptum, rebellionem, inobedientiam, malos mores, vel alia mea demerita, seu propter causas in præsentibus ordinationibus et statutis contentas, per Præpositum vel Vice-præpositum, juxta formam ordinationum et statutorum dictorum, corrigi vel puniri, aut alias a dicto collegio ejici, expelli, privari, excludi, vel etiam amoveri, ex certa mea scientia, pure, sponte, simpliciter, et absolute, omni actioni, occasione correctionis vel punitionis, privationis, exclusionis, expulsionis, seu amotionis hujusmodi, contra Præpositum aut alios dicti collegii socios, qui pro tempore fuerint, conjunctim vel divisim quomodolibet instituendæ, appellationique et querelæ in ea parte fiendis, ac quarumcumque literarum impetrationi, precibus principum, prælatorum, procerum, magnatum, et aliorum quorumcumque, necnon et quibuscumque curiæ ecclesiasticæ vel secularis, ac omnibus remediis juris et facti, per quos aut quæ petere possim me reconciliari vel in integrum restitui contra præmissa quantumcumque alias mihi probitatis et vitæ merita, suffragentur in vim pacti, renuncio in hiis scriptis.

Oath taken by the Vice-Provost.

The following extract from Statute 12 of the Statutes of the College gives the substance of the Oath which is taken by the Vice-Provost.

Hoc etiam proviso quod eligentes sive nominantes Vice-præpositum, præcentorem, et sacristam hujusmodi, antequam ad electionem vel nominationem hujus modi procedant, oneret Præpositus in virtute juramenti per eos collegio præstitquod nullum ad hujusmodi, Vice-præposituræ, aut præcentoris, vel sacristæ officum eligent vel nominabunt, nisi quem crediderint pro hujusmodi officio in dicto collegio exercendo fidelem et discretum, affectione et partialitate sinistris cessantibus quibuscumque; et insuper in omnibus electionibus in dicto Regali Collegio de quibuscumque officiariis et aliis eligendis sive nominandis, eligentes prædictorum consimiliter volumus onerari.

Oath taken by the Head Master and the Lower Master.

The following extract from Statute 14 gives the substance of the Oath which is required to be taken.

Ad quæ omnia et singula supradicta, et quæcumque alia præsentibus nostris statutis inserta, facienda et fideliter observanda, eosdem Magistrum et Hostiarium, quatenus ipsa vel ipsorum utrumque singulariter concernunt, in ipsorum admissione primaria coram Præposito et Vice-præposito prædictis præstare volumus tactis sacrosanctis Evangeliis corporaliter juramentum.

An Oath in the same terms is taken by the Fellows at the annual election of the officers of the College. An Oath is also taken by the Provost and Fellows at the annual election of scholars.

HARROW SCHOOL.

Every governor on his election is, under the Statutes of the founder, enjoined . . . . "to make a solemn and faithful promise before the residue of "the said governors that he shall and will justly and truly execute and perform "all things in anywise belonging or appertaining to his said place, office, and "duty."

HIGHGATE SCHOOL.

Oath taken by a Governor.*

You shall swear that you shall faithful be, and true faith bear unto the Queen's Majesty that now is, Her heirs and successors, Kings of this realm of England. The laws and statutes of the Free School erected at Highgate within the county of Middlesex by the foundation of Sir Roger Cholmeley, Knight, deceased, (whereof now of special confidence reposed in your fidelity you are chosen and appointed to be a governor,) you shall to the utmost of your cunning, will, and power maintain whole and keep inviolated. Also you shall neither do nor procure to be done any manner of act or acts, thing or things, that shall or may be prejudicial or hurtful unto the said free school, or any the lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, or chattels to the same appertaining or belonging. You shall not willingly break the will or good meaning of the said founder expressed in writing touching the same foundation; and finally, during the time you shall occupy or hold the place and room of a governor of the free school aforesaid, you shall in all things well and faithfully behave yourself as a good and honest man ought to do towards the maintenance of the said free school.

So help you God and the holy contents of this Book.
Amen.

* Of late years a declaration in the same form has, in practice, been substituted for this oath.

MANCHESTER FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Oath taken by the High Master and the Second Master.

By the statutes of the school it is directed that "every schoolmaster and "usher in form aforesaid elect and chosen, within one month of his said "election or putting into the said office, shall, before the warden of the said "College of Manchester, or in his absence before his deputy of the same "College, swear upon the Evangelists that he shall diligently and indifferently teach and correct all and every the said scholars of the same school "for the time being, all fraud, guilt, and deceit in that behalf only laid "apart."

MOULTON ENDOWED SCHOOLS.

(19 & 20 Vict. c. 53. ss. 41 and 68.)

Declaration made by the Master of the Upper School.

I, , declare that I will always to the best of my ability discharge the duties of master of the Upper School at Moulton, during my tenure of the office, according to the provisions of the scheme for the regulation thereof; and that in case I shall be removed from the mastership by the governors, according to the provisions of the said scheme, I will acquiesce in such removal, and will thereupon relinquish all claim to the mastership and its future emoluments, and will deliver up possession of the school and school residence to the governors.

Declaration made by the Master of the Lower School.

I, , declare that I will always, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of master of the Lower School at Moulton during my tenure of the office, according to the provisions of the scheme for the regulation thereof; and that in case I shall be removed by the governors I will acquiesce in such removal, and will thereupon relinquish all claim to the mastership and its future emoluments, and will deliver up possession of the school and school residence (if any) to the governors.

ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY, WOOLWICH.

Declaration made by a Cadet.

I, , do hereby declare that I have attentively considered Article VI. (above quoted)* of the regulations for admission to the Royal Military Academy, and I consent to abide by the same in every particular, as well as to observe and follow all such orders and directions as I shall from time to time receive from the Lieutenant-Governor or other officers or authorities of the Royal Military Academy, and I further hold myself bound to conform in every respect to Her Majesty's regulations and to the rules and discipline of the service.

Declaration made by the Parent or Guardian of a Cadet.

I hereby declare that I consent to the admission of my to the Royal Military Academy on the foregoing conditions.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, SANDHURST.

Cadets and their parents or guardians are required to make the same declarations, *mutatis mutandis*, as are required to be taken by such persons at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, given above.

* Article VI. of the "Regulations for Admission" is printed with this and the following declaration on the sheet to which the cadet and his parent or guardian affix their signatures.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE, CANTERBURY.

Oath and Declaration taken and made by the Warden.*

By the charter of the College every Warden is required to "take a corporal "oath upon the Holy Evangelists for the true and faithful execution" of his office; and by the statutes framed by the Visitor of the College, he is also required to take the following declaration:—

I, A.B., do sincerely promise, that I will truly and faithfully execute the office of Warden of the Missionary College of St. Augustine, Canterbury, and discharge the duties thereof to the best of my judgment and ability.

Oath and Declaration required to be taken and made by the Sub-Warden and Fellows.

An oath in the same terms as are prescribed in the case of the Warden.

I, A.B., do sincerely promise, that so long as I shall continue Sub-Warden [or Fellow] of the Missionary College of St. Augustine, I will obey the Warden of that College in all things lawful and honest.

Declaration made by a Student.

I, A.B., do promise to conform to the rules of this College and to obey them who are set over me in all things lawful and honest, and diligently to pursue the studies appointed me. I further declare my deliberate intention to devote myself, with all the powers of mind and body which God in His goodness has given me, to His service in the ministry of the Church of England in the distant dependencies of the British empire.

ST. DAVID'S COLLEGE, LAMPETER.

Oath taken by all Official Persons.

Every such person, on entering upon his office swears "that he will perform "the duties of his office to the best of his skill and understanding, and that "he will faithfully observe all the statutes, rules, and ordnances for the time "being of the said college,"

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, MAYNOOTH.

Oath taken by the President.

I, , having been elected and approved as President of the Roman Catholic College, or seminary, of Maynooth, do swear that I will diligently, faithfully, and conscientiously execute the said office, to the best of my skill and judgment, and that I will so far as in me lies enforce a due observance of the byelaws, rules, and statutes made for the government and discipline thereof; and I will bear faithful and true allegiance, and to my utmost endeavours, inculcate the duties of faithful and true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and Her successors, in every member of the said college or seminary. So help me God.

* The Warden of the college states that in January 1849, the late warden of the college (Bishop Coleridge) privately obtained the opinion of the late Mr. Justice Patteson as to whether the taking of the declaration prescribed by the statutes to be taken by the warden, sub-warden, and fellows would "be sufficient, and dispense "with the oath under the charter." Mr. Justice Patteson then giving his opinion that it would "be better to take the oath" as well as the declaration, both were taken by Bishop Coleridge as warden, and also by the sub-warden and fellows. In 1850 the present warden on his appointment took the oath and made the declaration, following the precedent established by his predecessor; but in the case of every fellow who has been appointed since 1850 the declaration only has been administered, the oath being omitted.

DANIEL STEWART'S HOSPITAL.

Declaration made by the Governors.

We, subscribers, being the Master, Treasurer, and Assistants of the Company of Merchants of the city of Edinburgh, and as such, the Preses and Governors of Daniel Stewart's Hospital incorporated as after-mentioned, do hereby solemnly promise and declare that we will severally faithfully and diligently perform the duties of our respective offices as Preses and Governors foresaid, so as to carry into effect the directions of the founder of the said hospital contained in his trust disposition and settlement, dated third May eighteen hundred and eleven, and registered in the Books of Council and Session seventh June eighteen hundred and fourteen, as amended and explained by the Act 23 & 24 Victoria, cap. 2., entitled "An Act to incorporate "the Governors of the Hospital in Edinburgh, founded by Daniel Stewart, "and to amend and explain the Trust Settlement;" and the other statutes of the hospital; and we make the declaration in virtue of the statute in that behalf passed in the 5th and 6th years of the reign of King William the Fourth, cap. 62., and of a resolution passed at a general meeting of the Governors duly convened on the 10th day September 1861, whereby this declaration is subscribed and appointed to be subscribed in room of the oath *de fideli administratione* formerly administered to each of the Governors.

GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL, EDINBURGH.

Declaration made by a Governor.

I hereby promise faithfully and diligently to perform the duties of my office as a Governor of George Heriot his Hospital, so as to carry into effect the intentions of the founder.

Declaration made by an Auditor.

I, auditor elect of George Heriot his Hospital, do faithfully promise with my best skill and power to discharge all that is required of me by the statutes of the said Hospital.

Declaration made by the Treasurer.

I hereby faithfully promise, with my best skill and power, to discharge all that is required of me by the statutes of the Hospital as Treasurer of George Heriot his Hospital.

Declaration made by the Registrar or Clerk.

I hereby faithfully promise, with my best skill and power, to discharge all that is required of me by the statutes of the Hospital as Registrar or Clerk of George Heriot his Hospital.

Declaration made and taken by the Head Master or House Governor.

I, , elected Master or House Governor of George Heriot his Hospital, do hereby faithfully promise with my best skill and power to discharge all that is required of me by the statutes of the said Hospital.

I do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria. So help me God.

GEORGE WATSON'S HOSPITAL, EDINBURGH.

Declaration made by the Governors.

We subscribers, elected Governors of George Watson's Hospital, do hereby solemnly promise and declare that we will severally faithfully and diligently

perform the duties of a Governor of the said Hospital, so as to carry into effect the intentions of the founder; and this we do in virtue of the statute in that behalf passed in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of King William the Fourth, cap. 62., and of the resolution passed at the general meeting of the Governors convened in terms of the statute on the 17th day of November 1835, whereby this declaration is substituted and appointed to be subscribed in room of the oath *de fideli administratione* formerly administered to each Governor on his admission, and to such persons as may be appointed to offices under the Hospital.

Declaration made by the Treasurer and the Clerk.

I, A.B., elected of George Watson's Hospital, do hereby solemnly promise and declare that I will faithfully and diligently perform the duties of Treasurer to the said Hospital, so as to carry into effect the intentions of the founder; and this I do in virtue of the statute in that behalf passed in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of King William the Fourth, cap. 62., and of the resolution passed at the several meetings of the Governors convened in terms of the statutes on the 17th day of November 1835, whereby this declaration is substituted and appointed to be subscribed in place of the oath *de fideli administratione* formerly administered to each Governor on his admission, and to such persons as may be appointed to offices under the Hospital.

Declaration made by the House Governor.

I, A.B., elected House Governor to George Watson's Hospital, do hereby solemnly promise and declare that I will faithfully, diligently, and to the best of my power, discharge all the duties which the statutes and byelaws of the Hospital require of me, and shall do my best to see them observed by all others under my care and inspection, and I do promise faithful obedience to the present Governors and their successors in office; and this I do in virtue of the statute in that behalf passed in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of King William the Fourth, cap. 62., and of the resolution passed at the general meeting of the Governors convened in terms of their statutes on the 17th day of November 1835, whereby this declaration is substituted and appointed to be subscribed in room of the oath *de fideli administratione* formerly administered so each Governor on his admission, and to such persons as may be appointed to offices under the Hospital.

JAMES GILLESPIE'S HOSPITAL AND FREE SCHOOL, EDINBURGH.

Declaration made by the Governors.

We, subscribers, elected Governors of James Gillespie's Hospital and Free School, do hereby solemnly promise and declare that we will severally faithfully and diligently perform the duties of Governors of the said Hospital and Free School, so as to carry into effect the object of the founder; and this we do in virtue of the statute in that behalf passed in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of King William the Fourth, cap. 62., and of the resolution passed at the general meeting of the Governors convened in terms of their statutes on the 7th day of December 1835, whereby this declaration is substituted and appointed to be subscribed in room of the oath *de fideli administratione* formerly administered to each Governor on his admission, and to such persons as may be appointed to offices under the Hospital.

Oath taken by the Treasurer, Chaplain, and Mistress.

I, A.B., now appointed of James Gillespie's Hospital and Free School, do promise and swear that I shall faithfully and honestly perform all that is required of me by the statutes of said Hospital and School, by God, as I shall answer to Him at the great day.

MERCHANT MAIDEN HOSPITAL, EDINBURGH.

Declaration made by the Governors.

We subscribers, elected Governors of the Merchant Maiden Hospital of Edinburgh, do hereby solemnly promise and declare that we shall severally faithfully and diligently perform the duties of the office of a Governor of the said Hospital, so as to carry into effect the intentions of the founders; and this we do in virtue of the statute in that behalf passed in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of King William the Fourth, cap. 62., and of the resolution passed at the general meeting of the Governors convened in terms of their statutes on the 30th day of November 1835, whereby this declaration is substituted and appointed to be subscribed in room of the oath *de fideli administratione* formerly administered to each Governor on his admission, and to such persons as may be appointed to offices under the Hospital.

Declaration made by the Treasurer and the Clerk.

I, A.B., elected to the Maiden Hospital founded by the Company of Merchants in Edinburgh and Mary Erskine, do swear and faithfully promise, with my best skill and power, to discharge all that is required of me by the statutes of the said Hospital truly and honestly. So help me God.

Declaration made by an Auditor.

I, A.B., elected an Auditor of the Maiden Hospital founded by the Company of Merchants of Edinburgh and Mary Erskine, do hereby solemnly promise and declare that I will faithfully and diligently perform the duties of the office of an Auditor of the said Hospital, so as to carry into effect the intentions of the founders; and this I do in virtue of the statute in that behalf passed in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of King William the Fourth, cap. 62., and of the resolution passed at the general meeting of the Governors convened in terms of the statutes on the 30th day of November 1835, whereby this declaration is substituted and appointed to be subscribed in the room of the oath *de fideli administratione* formerly administered to each Governor on his admission, and to such persons as may be appointed to offices under the Hospital.

Oath taken by the Head Governess.

I, A.B., elected Governess of the Maiden Hospital founded by the Company of Merchants of Edinburgh and Mary Erskine, do swear and faithfully promise before God that, to the best of my power, I shall discharge all that the statutes and rules of the Hospital require of me, and shall do my best to see them observed by all others under my care and inspection; and I promise faithful obedience to the present Governors of the Hospital and their successors in office.

TRADES MAIDEN HOSPITAL, EDINBURGH.

Oath taken by a Governor.

I, A.B., do faithfully swear and promise before God, that, to the best of my knowledge and power, I shall carry and demean myself in all matters which concern the election of the officers or scholars, or anything else belonging to the Maiden Hospital founded by the Craftsmen of Edinburgh and Mary Erskine, truly and honestly; and if I know any going about, at any time, to defraud or prejudge the said pious work, I shall obstruct it to the utmost of my power, and reveal it to the governors for the time. So help me God.

Oath taken by the Mistress.

I, A.B., elected Mistress and Governess of the Maiden Hospital founded by the Craftsmen of Edinburgh and Mary Erskine, do swear and faithfully promise before God, that, to my best power, I shall discharge all which the statutes of the said Hospital require from me, and shall do my best to see all

the statutes of the said Hospital observed by others whom they do concern; and do promise faithful obedience to the present Governors of the said Hospital and their successors in office. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE TREASURER AND THE CLERK.

I, A.B., elected of the Maiden Hospital founded by the Craftsmen of Edinburgh and Mary Erskine, do swear and faithfully promise, with my best skill and power, to discharge all that is required of me by the statutes of the said Hospital truly and honestly. So help me GOD.

NAVAL KNIGHTS OF WINDSOR.

OATH TAKEN BY A KNIGHT.

I, Lieutenant of the Royal Navy, being appointed a Naval Knight of Windsor, on the foundation of Samuel Travers, Esq., make oath, that I will be faithful and true to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors; and that I will conform to the rules, orders, and regulations contained in the charter of the said Naval Knights, and all such other rules, orders, and regulations as shall or may hereafter be made by Her said Majesty, her heirs or successors, for the better government of the said Naval Knights, and for carrying the good intentions of the said Samuel Travers into execution.

SUTTON'S HOSPITAL, CHARTERHOUSE.

OATH TAKEN BY A POOR BROTHER.

I do swear, that neither I, nor any other for me with my privity, allowance, or consent, hath given or shall give, directly or indirectly, any money or other gratuity or reward, for or in respect of my having or enjoying of the place of a Poor Brother in the Hospital of King James, founded in Charterhouse, within the County of Middlesex, at the humble petition and only costs and charges of Thomas Sutton, Esquire.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.

OATH TAKEN BY THE AUDITOR.

I [A.B.] having been elected and now to be admitted Auditor and Chapter Clerk in this Church do swear that I will to the best of my ability faithfully perform all things belonging to the said office, and that I will not unlawfully reveal the secrets of the Chapter, or show the Chapter records or copies thereof to anyone (excepting the Dean and Canons) without the express consent and order of the Dean, or in his absence of the Vice-Dean, or both being absent, the senior Canon in residence. So help me GOD and His Holy Gospels.

OATH TAKEN BY INFERIOR LAY OFFICERS.

I [A.B.] having been appointed and now to be admitted [C] of this Church do solemnly declare that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and that I assent to the supremacy and authority of Her Majesty in all matters ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this realm; moreover I do solemnly declare that I will perform all due reverence and obedience to the Archbishop of Canterbury and his successors; and that I will to the best of my ability faithfully perform all the duties of my said office, and will observe so far as they concern me, the ordinances and statutes of this Church; and that I will perform all due reverence and obedience to the Dean and Canons, and will diligently, so far as in me lies, promote the interest and honour of this Church.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL.

All officers of the Chapter are "bound by an oath faithfully to discharge "their duty."

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL.

Oath taken by Lay Officers.

Ego J.T., qui in ministrum hujus Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Sanctae Trinitatis Carliol. electus sum, juro, quod quamdiu in hâc Ecclesiâ morabor, omnes ordinationes et statuta a potentissimo Rege Henrico Octavo hujus Ecclesiæ fundatore edita, quatenus me concernant pro meâ virili inviolabiliter observabo. Ad hæc Decano et Canonicis debitam obedientiam et reverentiam exhibebo, denique commodum et honorem hujus Ecclesiæ diligenter procurabo.

Sicut me Deus adjuvet et hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL.

Oath taken by Lay Officers.

Ego N, Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Christi et Beatæ Mariæ Virginis Cestrensis in N. Electus juro quod quamdiu in hâc Ecclesiâ morabor, omnes ordinationes et statuta a potentissimo Rege Henrico Octavo hujus ecclesiæ fundatore edita quatenus me concernunt pro mea virili inviolabiliter observabo. Ad hæc Decano et Canonicis debitam obedientiam et reverentiam exhibebo. Denique commodum et honorem hujus Ecclesiæ diligenter procurabo.

Sicut me Deus adjuvet et Sancta Evangelia.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL.

Oath taken by Lay Officers.

I, A.B., do swear that I will pay due obedience to the Dean and Chapter of this church, for the time being, in all thing that belong to the office of , according to the statutes, orders, and usages of this church.

So help me God.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL.

Oath taken by a Lay Clerk.

I, A.B., being elected Lay Clerk into this Church of Christ and Blessed Mary the Virgin of Durham, do swear that so long as I shall remain in this church I will to the utmost of my power inviolably observe all the ordinances and statutes of the same (so far as they concern me) towards the Dean and every one of the Chapter; in behaviour and words I will show due obedience and reverence, the good and honour of this church I will diligently procure.

So help me God, and those Holy Gospels of God.

Oath taken by a Beadsman.

You swear that you will well and truly discharge the duties of Beadsman of the Cathedral Church of Durham. So help you God.

Oath taken by a Verger.

You swear that you will well and truly discharge the duties of Verger of the Cathedral Church of Durham for the ensuing year. So help you God.

ELY CATHEDRAL.

Oath taken by a Lay Officer.

Ego Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Sanctæ et individuæ Trinitatis Eliensis electus, juro quod quamdiu in hâc Ecclesiâ morabor omnes ordinationes et statuta a potentissimo Rege Carolo Secundo hujus Ecclesiæ fundatore edita quatenus me concernunt pro mea virili inviolabiliter observabo. Ad hæc

Decano et Canonicis debitam obedientiam et reverentiam exhibebo. Denique commodum et honorem hujus Ecclesiæ diligenter procurabo.

Sicut me DEUS adjuvet et hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SCHOOLMASTER, THE ORGANIST, AND OTHER LAY OFFICERS.

You shall faithfully and to the best of your knowledge and ability perform the duties of to this Cathedral Church, to which you have been this day elected, during the continuance in the said office.

So help you GOD.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.

OATH TAKEN BY LAY OFFICERS.

I do further swear and faithfully promise in the presence of God that I will as far as I am able, observe all the statutes and laudable and allowed customs of this cathedral church of Hereford, the college of the vicars choral there, the hospital or alms house of Saint Ethelbert there, and the Hospital of Ledbury, wherein and as far as they concern me and my person, that I will carry on and procure the respective credit and profit of the said church, college and hospitals to the utmost of my power and diligence; if I shall know of any hurt or danger designed or attempted against them, or any of them, I will reveal it to the Dean and Chapter with all speed, and do what I can to hinder it; I will not tell anything abroad which I shall perceive may turn to the hurt or damage of the church, college, or hospitals; I will not make or give consent to the making of any leases for the future but according to the sense and meaning of the statutes above written; lastly, I will pay respect and obedience to the Dean, and all others that belong to this cathedral church and have any jurisdiction over me, in all things lawful and honest, without any manner of appeal, provocation, complaint, or supplication to any other judge or judges, save in such causes as by these statutes may lawfully be brought before the Bishop of Hereford or Archbishop of Canterbury.

So help me GOD through JESUS CHRIST.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

OATH TAKEN BY A LAY OFFICER.

I , swear by these Holy Gospels which I hold in my hand, that I will well and faithfully perform the office of to which by the Chapter I have just been elected. So help me GOD by these His Holy Gospels.

NORWICH CATHEDRAL.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SUB-STEWARD OF THE CATHEDRAL.

I do swear well and truly to perform the office of Sub-steward in this Cathedral Church of the Holy and undivided Trinity of Norwich.

OATH TAKEN BY A LAY CLERK OR OTHER OFFICER OF THE CHURCH.

I, A.B., being a Lay Clerk [Auditor, Chapter Clerk, Porter, &c.] of the Holy and undivided Trinity of Norwich, do swear, that as long as I shall continue a member of this church I will, to the best of my power, observe and keep all the statutes and ordinances which are already by the royal authority prescribed to this church, or shall hereafter by prescribed as far as the said statutes do or shall concern me, or the office or place which I am now to be admitted to; and moreover will always pay due obedience and reverence to the Dean and Prebendaries, and will in all things diligently promote the honour

and interest of this church. And I will well and truly, to the best of my power, perform all the duties and offices of the place to which I am now to be admitted.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL.

Oath taken by Lay Members.

I, N., elected into the Cathedral Church of the burgh of St. Peter, do swear that so long as I shall remain in this church, I will according to my power observe, so far as they concern me, all the ordinances and statutes made by the most mighty King Henry the Eighth, the founder of this church. Moreover I will show due obedience and reverence to the Dean and Canons. Finally I will diligently promote the interests and honor of this church.

So help me God and these his Holy Gospels.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

Oath taken by Lay Officers.

They are sworn, in accordance with the regulations of the statutes of the church, faithfully to perform the duties of their offices, no special forms being prescribed.

Oath taken by an Almsman.

I, , appointed to the place of Almsman in the Cathedral Church of Rochester, do declare and promise that I will observe and keep to the best of my power all the laws and rules of this church so far as they concern me, and that I will pay due respect and obedience to the Dean and Canons of this church.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL.

Oaths taken by the Chapter Clerk.

Ego, A.B., Notarius Publicus, juro per hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia corporaliter per me tacta quod quamdiu in officio clerici capitularis fuero fidelis Ecclesiæ Sarum et singulis personis Capituli Ecclesiæ Sarum, et quod secreta Capituli quamdiu secreta fuerint non pandam nec alicui revelabo, et acta et actitata in capitulo fideliter registrabo, registra codices et rationes capituli quandocunque fidei meæ tradentur in tuto servabo, et cum capitulum vocaverit reddam, et cum effectu deliberabo. Et si necesse fuerit extra capitulariter in ipsius capituli negotiis cum requisitus fuero liberabo dicti tamen capituli sumptibus et expensis. Et cum contigerit me ab hoc officio recedere omnia acta registra et alia munimenta dictum capitulum tangentia et penes me existentia sine diminutione fideliter tradam Decano et capitulo aut alieno et Canonice per eos deputato.

Ita me Deus adjuvet et hæc Sancti Dei Evangelia.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

Oath taken by a Sacrist.

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully execute the office of Sacrist of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, London. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Vicar Choral.

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully execute the place and office of a Vicar Choral in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, London [for a year of probation], according to the statutes and laudable customs of the said church so far as they are not contrary or repugnant to the laws of God or the laws and statutes of this realm, and as far as they concern me in respect to the office and place of a Vicar Choral in the said church. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Virger.

I, A.B., do swear that I will exercise the office of a Virger of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, London, according to the best of my understanding and will deal uprightly and justly in the said office. So help me God.

WELLS CATHEDRAL.

Oaths taken by Lay Officers.

You shall swear that you will observe the laws, statutes, privileges, liberties, and customs of this Cathedral Church of Wells. So help you God.

You shall swear that you will pay canonical obedience to the Dean and Chapter of this Cathedral Church and their successors in all commands honest and lawful, and that you will conceal the secrets of the Chapter when they shall come to your knowledge. So help you God.

Oath taken by a Vicar Choral.

I, N., late admitted unto a Vicar Choral of Wells Cathedral Church, make my oath upon this holy Book, that I from henceforth shall be obedient alway unto the principals of this place for the time being, and to all other having their power and exercising their office in their absence, and to all my seniors in all things that be lawful and honest. And further I shall with the best of my power from this day forward keep, fulfil, and observe, and endeavour myself as much as in me shall lie, hereafter to cause others in like manner to keep, fulfil, and observe, all statutes and laudable customs of this place. And moreover, I shall not at any time utter nor yet disclose outwardly any of the secrets or counsel of this place, whereby hurt, loss, prejudice, slander, or grievances might fortune to follow or ensue to the place or any of my fellowship. And if it shall happen me to hear of any displeasure, loss, prejudice, slander, or grievance towards this place or any of my fellowship, I shall as far forth (as I can) or may, stay and lett it; and if I may not, I shall with all speed convenient open and disclose it unto the principals. Also I shall to the uttermost of my power help and defend, maintain, and cause others as far forth as I may, to help, maintain, and defend all manner of livelyhoods, rent, and services to this place of right appertaining and belonging, and be a diligent helper to defend and recover the same, if need shall require, from all enemies, and never consent to deliver it to other use. And if it fortune me hereafter to be promoted from this worshipful place, I shall wherever I come or abide be ever in word, deed, and will a well-willed, true friend, and in all things to this place appertaining be a behooful and diligent helper. As God me help, and by this Book.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

Oath taken by the Receiver, Treasurer, and Lay Vicars.

I swear that I will well and faithfully execute the office of according to the statutes of this Cathedral, and pay due obedience to the Dean.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

Oath taken by a Schoolmaster, Lay Clerk, or Inferior Officer.

I now to be admitted to the office of do swear, that so long as I shall continue a member thereof I will faithfully and invoilably observe the statutes and constitutions of the same, so far as they shall be made known to me. Moreover, I will yield and perform due obedience and reverence to the Dean and Chapter of the same and their successors, and to the best of my power diligently endeavour to procure the profit and honour of the said church.

TRADERS' GUILDS.

With regard to the oaths and declarations given under this head (pp. 189–267), it is recommended—

That in all cases where oaths are still taken under the authority of the several charters, declarations should be substituted; and that power should be given to the several guilds to substitute for the forms of oath or declaration at present in use, declarations as short and simple as the special circumstances of each case may admit, binding the person making them faithfully to discharge the duties undertaken.

LONDON TRADERS' GUILDS.

APOTHECARIES' COMPANY.

Declaration made by a Freeman.

I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and be obedient to the master and wardens of this society, in all lawful manner; I will keep secret all the lawful counsel of this fellowship; I will well and truly observe and keep all byelaws, rules, and ordinances made, or that hereafter shall be lawfully made and ordained, for the good ordering of the said society; I will be willing, helping, and furthering to the good government and wealth of the said society, and will not be party or privy to any counsel or device that may be to the hurt or hindrance of the said society, or to the overthrowing or breaking of the good laws and ordinances of the same; but all such practices, counsels, and devices I will disclose to the master and wardens of the said society, and them labour to hinder and break so much as in me lieth. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the session of Parliament held in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, entituled, "An Act to repeal an Act of the present session of Parliament, for the "more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various "departments of the state, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and "for the more entire suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and "affidavits, and to make other provisions for the abolition of unnecessary "oaths."

Declaration made by an Assistant.

I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen; and that, whenever summoned in the name of the master and wardens, I will attend at the time and place appointed me (except I shall have reasonable excuse to the contrary), and good and true counsel I will give in all things, according to my best skill and power, for the government, wealth, and common profit of the society of the art and mystery of apothecaries of the city of London; and in all other things I will truly, faithfully, and honestly execute the office of an assistant of the said society; and I will well and truly keep all the lawful secrets of the court of assistants of the said society, and I will not disclose the same, or any of them, to any person whomsoever, except to another assistant of the said society. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act, &c., &c.

Declaration made by the Master and Wardens.

I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and that I will justly and impartially execute my office of Master (or Warden, as the case may be) without favour or affection, prejudice or malice, towards any man. And I will, as much as in me lies, do my endeavour to uphold, enforce, and put in execution all and every the charters, liberties, laws, ordinances, provisions, and rules, granted, established, and ordained, or which shall be granted, established, and ordained, for the

common and public good of the freemen of the society of the art and mystery of apothecaries of the city of London, or for the government of the freemen thereof, and all the rights, franchises, and privileges of the said society I will maintain to the utmost of my power and ability. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act, &c., &c.

Oath taken by a Member of the Court of Examiners.
(55 Geo. 3. c. 194. s. 11.; 6 Geo. 4. c. 133. s. 3.)

I, A. B., do solemnly promise and swear [or, being one of the people called quakers, do solemnly affirm] that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the trust reposed in me by the Master, Wardens, and society of the art and mystery of apothecaries of the city of London, as an examiner, in the examination of every person who shall come before me to be examined as to his fitness or qualification to act as an apothecary, or assistant to an apothecary, as the case may be, and that without favour, affection, prejudice, or malice. So help me God.

Declaration made by the Clerk.

I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen. I will be obedient in all lawful manner to the master and wardens of this society for the time being. All the lawful counsel and secrets of the said society I will well and truly keep, and will not disclose the same to any person whomsoever, except to a member of the court of assistants. And I will faithfully keep all the books and records of this society, and will not deliver copies of any of them (save to an assistant of the said society) without the consent of the master and wardens for the time being; and in all other things I will well and truly demean myself as clerk of the said society, and execute the said office according to the best of my skill and ability. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act, &c., &c.

Declaration made by the Beadle.

I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen. I will be obedient, in all lawful manner, to the master, wardens, and assistants of this society. All freemen of this society I will summon whenever I am thereto required by the master and wardens thereof. All the lawful counsel and secrets of this society I will keep, and will not disclose the same to any person whomsoever; and all other lawful matters and things appertaining to the office of Beadle of this society I will well and truly do, perform, and execute to the best of my knowledge and ability. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act, &c., &c.

ARMOURERS AND BRASIERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by the Master and Wardens.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm, and ye shall well and truly oversee and govern the company of Armorers and Brasiers whereof ye be chosen Master and Wardens for the time that ye be chosen, and all the rules and ordinances of the same company made or to be made ye shall do to be kept, and all the defaults that ye find done in the same ye shall do, to be reformed to the utmost of your power, sparing no man for love nor dread, favour or affection, extortion or wrong, under colour of your office. Ye shall not do nor suffer any to be done to this company, but ye shall hinder it to your power. Ye shall not make new statutes or ordinances but by the consent of the assistants for the time being; and ye shall not take in hand to do any thing or things, acts or acts, whereby this company may have any damage, but ye shall have the consent of the assistants for the time being. Also ye shall not consent to anything that shall be against the peace of our Sovereign Lady the Queen or against the peace of this city. But for the time ye be in office in

all things that belongeth to the same ye shall well behave yourselves, and ye shall truly account and answer to this company all such goods, plate, money, rents, and other things, as shall come to your or any of your hands of the said company's. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE ASSISTANTS.

Ye shall well and truly swear that ye shall well and truly govern the crafts of Armorers and Brasiers whereof ye be chosen Assistants for the year or years to come, and all the good rules and ordinances of the same crafts that have been appointed by this court and no other ye shall keep and cause to be kept, and all the defaults that ye find in the same crafts to be done to speak your minds for the better reformation of such defaults, sparing no man for favour, nor grieving no person for hate, extortion, or wrong, under colour of being of the Assistants, ye shall not do or consent to be done. Neither to anything that shall be against the estate, peace, and profit of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, or to her heirs, or to this city, ye shall not consent, but for the time that ye be of the Assistants in all things that shall belong to the same craft according to the laws and franchises of the said city well and lawfully ye shall behave yourselves. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE WARDENS OF THE YEOMANRY.

Ye shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm; ye shall well and truly oversee and govern the Yeomanry of this company whereof ye be chosen Wardens, and all the rules and ordinances of the same company made or to be made ye shall cause to be kept as much as in ye lieth, and all the defaults that ye shall find done in the same ye shall cause to be reformed to the best of your powers, else give notice thereof to the Master and Wardens of the Livery, sparing no man for love or dread, nor hurting any for hatred or malice. Ye shall not do or suffer to be done any extortion or wrong under colour of your office, but ye shall hinder the same to the utmost of your powers, or give warning thereof to the Master and Wardens of the same company; and ye shall not take in hand to do any thing or things, act or acts, whereby this company shall have any damage or loss. Ye shall not consent to anything that shall be against the peace of our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty or against the peace of this city; for the time ye shall be in office ye shall honestly use and behave yourselves. All these articles you shall well and truly observe, and keep to the best of your powers. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall swear to be good and true to the Queen's Majesty and to her successors. Ye shall be obedient to the Master and Wardens for the time being. You shall truly enter all such ordinances and decrees, consents and determinations, as shall be determined at any court, keeping all things secret as thereunto appertaineth. You shall give your diligent attendance upon the Master and Wardens whensoever they shall meet, having lawful warning. You shall truly keep the names of all apprentices that shall be taken into this fellowship, as well of the presentments as of the making free, and in all other things that appertaineth to the office of a clerk, you shall faithfully behave yourself in. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

You shall swear to be good and true to the Queen's Majesty and to her successors. You shall be obedient to the Master and Wardens for the time being. You shall give your attendance diligently upon the Master and Wardens of the company to summon or warn the company, or any of the same, when you shall be commanded thereto by the Master or Wardens. You shall faithfully keep the secrets of the said company. You shall do your endeavour that all those, as well foreigners as freemen, of this company as oweth any duty to this company, or such other strangers or foreigners as of right ought to be presented, be duly presented. And all other things that appertaineth to the office of Beadle you shall truly perform. So help you GOD.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear that you shall be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm. You shall not do nor consent to be done any treasons, felonies, insurrections, or rebellions ; but all such as you shall know you shall duly to your power cause to be revealed and known to the Queen, or some of her Council, or to the Lord Mayor of the City of London for the time being. And you shall be obedient to the Master and Wardens of the mistery or craft of Armorers and Brasiers of the city of London for the time being in all things lawful concerning the same mistery and craft being agreeable to the lawful ordinances of the said mistery and customs of the city of London.

So help you God.

BAKERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm, and to be true and just in your trade and mystery ; also you shall be true and obedient to the master, wardens, and assistants of the Company of Bakers of this city of London for the time being. You shall not disclose any the lawful secrets or councils of the said company, and all the good rules, orders, and ordinances of the Company of Brown Bakers of the city of London you shall well and truly keep and observe to your power so far as God shall give you grace.

So help you God and the holy contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Assistants.

You and every of you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm, and you and every of you shall, after the best manner you can, justly and indifferently execute or cause to be executed your office and place of Assistant to the master and wardens of this society in every respect. And all the good rules, orders, and ordinances in this book expressed, without sparing any person or persons for affection, favor, meed, reward, or promise of reward, during the time you shall execute and continue in the place and office of an Assistant, you shall, to the uttermost of your power and ability, truly and faithfully observe and keep and cause and see to be kept and observed.

So help you God and the holy contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Master and Wardens.

You shall swear that you shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm, and that after the best manner you can you shall justly and indifferently execute or cause to be executed your several and respective offices of this society in every respect, and all the good and lawful ordinances in this book of ordinances expressed, without sparing any person or persons for affection, reward meede, dread, malice, or promise of reward, during the time you shall execute and continue in the same your respective offices, you shall to the uttermost of your power and ability, truly and faithfully observe and keep and cause to be observed and kept and put in execution. You shall not for malice, favor, or affection assess or impose upon any person or persons any greater or lesser sum or payment than after the quality and quantity of the offence made in your just discretion, and the same agreeable to the said ordinance herein contained.

So help you God and the holy contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Clerk.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm. You shall be obedient to the master, wardens, and assistants of the said company for the time being in all their just and lawful commandments, and attend upon them at all their meetings and assemblies ; and you shall make true entries of all such matters and things as they shall command to be entered, without respect to the person of any for

favor, malice, affection, dread, or reward. You shall deliver out no copies of any their ordinances, nor shew any book belonging to the company without the consent of the master and wardens for the time being, whereby to prejudice the said company. You shall in all things incident and belonging to your said place and office justly and faithfully demean yourself to the uttermost of your power. So help you GOD and the holy contents of this Book.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm. You shall be obedient to the master, wardens, and assistants of this company for the time being in all their just and lawful commands, and attendant upon them in all their meetings and assemblies. You shall from time to time, upon the command and according to the direction of the master or wardens, or any of them, summon and warn all the freemen of the said company, and all others using the trade or mystery of baking within the city of London and the liberties or suburbs thereof, to appear and be at the Common Hall, as general meeting place of the said company, at all quarter days and other court days, and in all other things incident or belonging to your said place and office you shall well, faithfully, and justly demean and behave yourself.

So help you GOD and the holy contents of this Book.

BARBERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear that you shall be true and loyal to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of Great Britain, and faithfull and true in all lawful things unto the said corporation and company of the mystery and commonalty of the Barbers of London, whereof you now be made free. And accordingly be obedient to the said masters or governors thereof, and as much as in you lieth maintain amity and unity therein, and obey, observe, and perform all the lawful rules, statutes, and ordinances thereof; and be proportionably contributory, to the best of your power, to all lawful or reasonable charges, contributions, and payments belonging or necessarily appertaining to you to bear and pay as other brethren of the same company do; and also you shall obey all manner of lawful summons or warning done or to be made by the clerk, beadle, or other officer of the said company thereunto assigned, in the name of the masters or governors, having no lawful or reasonable excuse or impediment to the contrary. All these articles you shall duly, truly, fully, and faithfully observe, perform, and keep, to the best of your power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT.

You shall swear that with all your skill, diligence, and power, as a good Assistant ought to do, you shall assist with good counsel the masters or governors and other the assistants of the mystery and commonalty of Barbers of London, so long as you shall remain in that office. And shall in all lawful things uphold and maintain the worship, profit, and common weale thereof. And that at such courts as shall be holden by the said masters or governors you shall behave yourself modestly, soberly, gravely, and orderly, with the best discretion, wisdom, and counsel. And that, being required by the said masters or governors to give your best advice, you shall freely, fully, and faithfully perform it without any sinister, partial, or unjust respect or affection. And that you shall not utter or reveal either any such speeches, conferences, or communications as shall be had, or any such orders as shall be passed in such courts, to any person or persons to whom the same ought not by any the acts or ordinances of the said mistery or commonalty to be revealed or uttered, but shall conceal it. And that you shall not conspire or consult with any person or persons whatsoever to prevent, hurt, or hinder any such good and lawful matter or motion of the said masters or governors, or of any of them, as shall be intended or propounded at any such court. And the same not being contrary or repugnant to the laws and statutes of this realm, or to the rules and ordinances of

the said mystery and commonalty, nor prejudicial to the same mystery and commonalty, and all other things as shall in any sort concern the place of an assistant now or at any time hereafter you shall duly, truly, and justly, to the uttermost of your power and skill, perform and fulfil. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CHIEF MASTER AND WARDENS.

You shall swear that during the time of your office of you shall diligently observe, keep, and maintain the worship, profit, and common weale of the corporation and company of the mystery and commonalty of Barbers of London in all points lawful, according to your best skill and power, and shall observe, keep, maintain, and execute, and cause to be observed, kept, maintained, and executed, as far forth as lawfully you may, all the good and lawful charters and liberties, priviledges, usages, customs, acts, and ordinances thereof, and accordingly shall correct and punish, by fines, pains, and penalties, all such offenders therein as shall appear either by any of their own confessions or by any other sufficient proof, according to the quality of every such offence. And that you shall proceed duly, truly, carefully, impartially, and equally, according to your best skill and power, and shall neither for any love, meed, dread, envy, hatred, malice, corruption, or other partial affection, unduly proceed to any order, rule, conclusion, or determination for or concerning any variance or question by or betwixt any person or persons with whom you shall have to do by reason of your said office, or any otherwise than according to such said charters, liberties, priviledges, usages, customs, acts, and ordinances as aforesaid. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall swear that you shall be a good and true clerk of this mystery and commonalty of Barbers of London, and that you shall exercise and execute the same office with all your skill, diligence, and power; and that you shall be attendant at all convenient times unto the masters or governors thereof, and shall duly, truly, and diligently perform whatsoever the said masters or governors shall lawfully command, not being repugnant to the laws and statutes of this realm, or to the rules and orders of the said mystery and commonalty; and that you shall issue out all such summons and warnings to all such persons of the said mystery as appertaineth to your place to summon; and that you shall neither for meed, dread, love, favour, malice, hatred, or other sinister or partial respect or affection, proceed to or with any person or persons with whom you shall have to do by reason of this your office, or any otherwise than justly, equally, and honestly; and all such sums of money as you shall happen to receive by way of quarterage, or otherwise, for the said masters or governors, you shall truly pay and deliver to the same masters or governors; and all privileges, grants, articles, rules, and ordinances concerning the said mystery and commonalty you shall so far forth as you lawfully may uphold and maintain; and all counsels which ought to be concealed and kept secret you shall accordingly conceal and keep secret; and if you shall or do know, perceive, or foresee any private or public attempt or intent by any means of any prejudice, hurt, or hindrance to the said mystery and commonalty, that then immediately, with all possible expedition, you shall give notice thereof to the said masters or governors, or to some of them, that some speedy prevention or reformation thereof may be had accordingly; and that you shall keep all such books, writings, or remembrances concerning the said mystery and commonalty as shall be under your charge, without any addition, diminution, razure, or alteration thereof, except it be by the express licence or consent of all or the greater part of the said masters or governors and assistants thereof, at their court of assistants; and all other lawful things concerning your office you shall fully, faithfully, duly, and diligently observe, perform, and fulfil. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A BEADLE.

You shall swear that you shall be a good and true beadle and officer to this mystery and commonalty of Barbers of London, and shall exercise and execute the same office with all your skill, diligence, and power; and that you shall at all times be readily attendant upon the masters or governors thereof, and the wardens of the yeomanry thereof and their successors, to

whom you be now made beadle or officer; and that you shall be ready at all times hereafter to perform all such summons, warnings, and lawful services as they or any of them or the clerk of the said mystery and commonalty for the time being, in their or any of their names, or by their or any of their commandments or directions, shall appoint; and that neither for meed, dread, favour, hatred, malice, or other sinister or partial respect or affection, you shall omit any such summons or services, or any other such things as to your said office shall in anyways appertain; and all such sums of money as you shall receive to the use of the said masters or governors or wardens or commonalty you shall truly pay unto such person or persons as ought to receive it or to be accountable for it. And all lawful privileges, grants, articles, acts, and ordinances concerning the said mystery and commonalty you shall uphold and maintain to the uttermost of your power; and if you shall know, hear, or understand, perceive, conceive, suspect, or foresee that any such freeman of this company shall openly or privately break or infringe any of the said acts or ordinances, or practice, attempt, or intend any manner of damage, prejudice, or impeachment to the said mystery or commonalty, that then immediately, with all possible expedition, you shall give information and notice thereof to the said masters or governors, or to some of them, so that some speedy course may be taken for prevention or reformation thereof; and that all such matters of counsel or secrecy concerning the said mystery and commonalty, or any of the persons of the same, as shall by any means come or be committed to your knowledge or privity, shall be accordingly concealed by you; and all and every the premises, and whatsoever otherwise concerneth your said office, you shall duly, truly, fully, and faithfully observe, perform, and keep.

So help you GOD.

BASKET MAKERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

Ye shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King of Great Britain, &c. now being, and to his heirs and successors, kings and queens of Great Britain after him, to the company and craft of Basket Makers, wherein you are informed, either by apprenticehood or otherwise, the secrets of the same craft; ye shall well and faithfully keep, and not teach them to any man but to such as be free of the same science; also ye shall be obedient unto all manner of summonses whensoever ye shall be warned by the officer or beadle, and to pay all manner of duties as it becometh a brother and a Freeman to do; if ye know any evil or hurt to the same craft, or that should be hurtful to the wardens to shew it, and let it to your power. So help you GOD.

BLACKSMITHS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors; you shall be obedient at all times in all matters lawful to the keepers or wardens of the society or mystery of Blacksmiths, London, and to their successors for the time being; you shall not disobey their summons without a reasonable excuse, and you shall well and truly keep and fulfil all and singular the reasonable orders and ordinances made or to be made for the good rule and government of the society and their successors, and shall not do anything to their damage, prejudice, or rebuke in these things, and in all other things you shall behave yourself as a good member and Freeman of the said society ought to do. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT.

Now that you are elected Assistant to the keepers or wardens of this company you shall, without good reason to the contrary, be at all times ready to assist them, whatsoever relating to your company shall be done, treated, or consulted of; you shall not reveal to any person, except the wardens and

assistants not then present, and you shall yourself endeavour, with strict impartiality, to give your soundest advice and best opinion in all matters touching the welfare and government of this company, nor shall you spare any person for meed, dread, favour, or affection, nor assess through envy, hatred, or malice, but shall discharge your office as near as you can according to truth.

So help you GOD.

BOWYERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors, Kings and Queens of England; you shall well and truly observe, maintain, and keep to your power all the good laws and ordinances, statutes and decrees, already made, or hereafter to be made, for the government of the society of the mystery of Bowyers, for the common profit and commodity of the said society, and ye shall come at all times unto them or any of them upon a lawful summons, either of clerk or beadle, or of any others by them being lawfully enjoined or commanded so to do, having no lawful or reasonable excuse to the contrary, or else you shall pay such penalties as you shall forfeit by your disobedience, according to the lawful ordinances of the said society; all the lawful counsels of the said society as at any time of assembly that shall be in communication amongst the said society you shall keep secret, and not disclose to any person being none of the said society, and especially to any such person whom the said matter doth concern and touch. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE ASSISTANTS.

You shall swear that you and every of you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to her heirs and successors, Kings and Queens of England; and you and every one of you shall endeavour yourselves the best you can, as well for and concerning the giving and using your faithful advices and counsels unto the master and wardens and society of the mystery of Bowyers, for the more better execution of the said offices. And also to give and use your faithful aids and assistances in every respect as much as in you lieth for the due observation of all the good and lawful ordinances mentioned and expressed, and according to the intent and true meaning of the same, without molesting or impeaching any person or persons, either for affection or malice, or for or in respect of any reward, meed, dread, or promise of reward, during the time that you shall be assistants, touching the said society of Bowyers.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTERS AND WARDENS.

You and every of you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty and to her heirs and lawful successors Kings and Queens of England, and you and every of you shall endeavour yourselves to the best you can, justly and indifferently to execute and cause to be executed, your office in every respect to the benefit of the common weal of the Queen's Majesty's subjects and the credit of your company, and you shall likewise execute or cause to be executed the good and lawful ordinances in the book of ordinances expressed, without sparing of any man for affection, reward, meed, dread, or promise of reward, during the time you shall be in the same offices of master and wardens, and of all manner of duties, foreitures, fines, and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, sums of money, or of any other thing or things, that by reason of your said offices shall come to any of your hands, you shall make a good true and plain account or else pay such fines as ye be ordered to pay for your not so doing. Ye shall not for malice nor for love or affection assess any person or persons in a greater or lesser sum than after the quantity or quality of his offence according to your discretion and according to the ordinances of the said company or fellowship of Bowyers. So help you GOD.

BUTCHERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You swear that you shall and will be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and lawful successors. That you shall and will be obedient at all times hereafter in all matters lawful to the master, wardens, and assistants of the art or mystery of Butchers of the city of London and to their successors for the time being. That you shall not nor will withstand or disobey the summons of the master and wardens of the said art or mystery for the time being without you have a reasonable and lawful excuse, and that for your own part you shall and will well and truly keep, observe, perform, and fulfil all and singular the lawful and reasonable orders and ordinances of the master wardens and commonalty of the said art or mystery made or to be made for the good rule and government of them and their successors, and that you shall not nor will do anything to the damage, prejudice, or hurt of the said master, wardens, and commonalty, but in every thing you shall do, use, and behave yourself as a good member of the said society. So help you God.

Oath taken by an Assistant.

Now that you are elected and chosen to be an assistant to the master and wardens of the art or mystery of Butchers of the city of London, you swear that you shall and will, so long as you continue to them an assistant, give your attendance and be ready to assist the said master and wardens when and so often as you shall be called thereunto, having no lawful let or leave to the contrary, and that you shall and will endeavour yourself, so near as you can, with all indifference to give your best and soundest advice, opinion, and counsel to the master and wardens in all such things as they shall lawfully require your advice opinion, and counsel, touching the said art or mystery, or touching any of the orders or ordinances made or to be made concerning the said art or mystery, or any persons using the same or being free thereof; you shall not nor will in giving your advice, opinion, or counsel spare any person for favour or affection, nor assess or punish any person for envy, hatred, or malice, but you shall and will uprightly and justly give your advice and opinion according to the truth so near as you can. And also you shall well, truly, faithfully, honestly, and diligently execute the said office of assistant in all things touching the same offices.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Master and Wardens.

Now that you are elected and chosen to be master or warden (as the case is) of the art or mystery of Butchers of the city of London, you swear that you shall and will, so long as you continue master or warden (as the case is), endeavour yourself, so near as you can, well, truly, faithfully, honestly, and diligently to execute the said office in all things touching the said office, and that with indifferency in every respect. And also that to the utmost of your power you shall and will endeavour to put in due execution all the good and lawful ordinances made or to be made touching the same mystery, sparing no person for favour or affection, nor punishing any person for hatred or malice. And that every such goods, plate, jewels, money, and other things, which by reason of your said office shall come to your hands, possession, or custody, you shall make a good, true, plain, and perfect account of to such person and persons, and in such manner and at such time and times as by the rules, orders, and ordinances of the said company, or art or mystery aforesaid, is or shall be directed or appointed. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Clerk.

Now that you are elected and chosen to be clerk to the master, wardens, and commonalty of the art or mystery of Butchers of the city of London, you shall and will, so long as you continue their clerk, be willing and ready, having no leave or lawful let to the contrary, to attend the said master and wardens when they shall require you for the business of your place as their

clerk, and shall endeavour yourself to make due entries of all things belonging to your office and committed to your charge without partiality for or by reason of favour, affection, lucre, gain, hatred, or malice; you shall not nor will wittingly or willingly commit or do anything to the prejudice, hurt, or damage of the said master, wardens, or commonalty, but you shall and will well and truly execute your said office as near as you can as a good and faithful clerk ought to do.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

Now that you are elected and chosen beadle to the master, wardens, and commonalty of the art and mystery of Butchers of the city of London, you swear that you shall and will, so long as you continue their beadle, summon all and every such person or persons as the said master and wardens, or any of them, at any time shall command or require to be summoned according to the ordinances in that case made and provided, without taking any fee or bribe from any person, or sparing any person for favour, affection, lucre, gain, hatred, or malice; you shall and will endeavour yourself as near as you can at all times to do and execute the lawful commands of the said master, wardens, and commonalty belonging to your office. You shall not nor will wittingly or willingly commit or do anything to the prejudice, damage, or hurt of the said master, wardens, and commonalty, but you shall and will diligently and faithfully execute your office as near as you can as a good beadle ought to do.

So help you GOD.

CARDMAKERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall well and truly swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and lawful successors, the master, wardens, and assistants of the Company of the Art or Mistery of Makers of Playing Cards of the city of London, whereof you are now come to be a Freeman. You shall be obedient to all their lawful commands; their councels lawful and honest you shall keep secret; and all the lawful ordinances, acts, and orders belonging to the said company you shall for your part duly observe and keep, or submit yourself to pay the mulcts and penalties imposed upon you for breach thereof; and in all other things behave yourself as a brother of the said company ought to do to the uttermost of your knowledge, experience, and judgment.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT.

You shall swear that you will be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors; and whensoever you shall be required by the master and wardens of the Company of the Art and Mistery of Makers of Playing Cards of the city of London, or any of them, or be summoned by the beadle of the said company (whereof you are now called to be an Assistant), you shall at all such times be personally present at the place or places appointed to give your assistance, counsel, and advice for such matters and abuse as shall be propounded, unless you have just cause or reasonable excuse for your absence, whereof you shall give an account to the master, or in his absence to the wardens, or any of them. And in those consultations and meetings shall truly and faithfully discharge your conscience in advising that that holds to be best for the publick good of the said company, and the credit and worship thereof without any manner of partial respect. If you know or hear anything which may tend to the infamy, hurt, disgrace, and overthrow of the said company you shall speedily make known the same to the master and wardens and other assistants of the said company, and the same shall prevent, withstand, and resist to the utmost of your power. All the lawful secrets and councils of the said art or mistery, whether in matters generally concerning the said corporation and company or particularly between party and party, you shall conceal and not

disclose to their prejudice. Concerning the office or place of a good Assistant of the said company, you shall well and faithfully perform according to your best skill, discretion, and knowledge. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE WARDENS.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and lawful successors. You shall with your best counsel advise, endeavour, and assist the master of the Company of Makers of Playing Cards of the city of London, whereof you are now called to be Wardens, in the ruling and governing of the brethren and other persons of the said company according to your best power and discretion during the time you shall continue Wardens of the company. If there shall be any complaint made unto the master and you or any of you upon any difference falling out between any person that is under the rule and government of the master and you or any other, you shall do your best endeavour, being thereunto called, to compose and reconcile the same in such manner as you shall find the merits of the cause in right, equity, and good conscience to require. The lawful orders and ordinances established for the good government of the said company and members thereof, you shall to the utmost of your power cause to be duly kept and observed in all things, and shall do your endeavours to levy or cause to be levied and paid all forfeitures, penalties, and amerciaments that shall be incurred by any breakers or infringers thereof, and as well thereof, and of all other money and profits received by the master and yourselves or either of you to the use of the said company, as of all publick payments by him made within the time of his being master, shall cause a due entry and account to be made and kept by the clerk of the said company, whereby to charge and discharge the said master at the end of his year or time. You shall, twice or oftener in the year as shall be advised by the master and court of assistants, take a general survey and examination of all workhouses where the said trade, art, or mistery is used, of the workmasters, their journeymen and apprentices, within the limits or jurisdiction to see and find out whether anything be done or undone amongst them contrary to the rules and ordinances of the company, to the end that speedy redress may be had as the several cases shall require. You shall personally attend at the quarter court day and all other times when the master of the said company shall require it or publick summons shall be given you, except in case of necessary absence upon just and reasonable excuse. And at all meetings give your best council and advice for the common profit and worship of the said company, and for the advancement and credit of the said trade, art, or mistery, according to the utmost of your knowledge and skill. And in all other things behave yourselves as good Wardens of the said company ought to do to your power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and lawful successors. You shall well and sufficiently rule and govern the brethren of the Company of the Art or Mistery of the Makers of Playing Cards of the city of London, whereof you are now called to be Master and Governor, and all other persons of the said trade and mistery being under your rule and government according to your best power and skill so long as you shall continue Master of the said company; and if there shall be any complaint made unto you by any of the company or other person under your said rule and government against any of the art or mistery, or by any other person against any of them, you shall do your best endeavour, with the advice of such of the wardens and assistants of the company as you shall think fit to call unto you, to reconcile and determine all such complaints, controversies, debates, and differences that shall so arise as you shall find the merits of the cause in right, equity, and good conscience to require. All the lawful acts, orders, and ordinances allowed and established for the good government of the said company and the members thereof you shall keep and maintain, and to your power cause to be duly observed and executed, and shall do your best endeavour to levy and receive, or cause to be levied and received, all the forfeitures, penalties,

and amerciaments incurred by any of the breakers or infringers thereof, and as well of all the said fines and other moneys and profits accruing or belonging to the said company, as also of all payments and disbursements which may concern the said company, shall cause a true and particular account during the time of your said office of Master to be faithfully kept. You shall keep your quarter court days by your own personal attendance, unless at any times you shall have just cause of absence, and pay your officers their wages and allowances at those quarterly meetings in the common hall or place of publick assembly for the said company, and in all things else behave yourself as a Master and Governor of the said company ought to do for the publick good, worship, and wellfare of the same to the utmost of your power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and lawful successors; you shall not discover the just councils or secrets of the Company of Makers of Playing Cards of the city of London, whereof you are now admitted Clerk; and shall be obedient to the master and wardens of the said company for the time being in all their lawful commands, and shall not, without the knowledge or consent of them, or some of them, deliver out to any person or persons not free of the said company any copy of the acts, ordinances, accounts, or writings concerning the said company, nor shall suppress, imbezzle, or conceal, or otherwise falsify or corrupt the same or any of them. You shall attend the master and wardens of the said company upon all necessary occasions for the service and good of the said company when you shall be thereunto required, and have not a just excuse for your absence. You shall make true entry of all such things and matters that belong to your place, and keep a perfect book of account of all respects of payment made unto you by the master of the said company for the time being from time to time, that the true state thereof may duly appear for the making up of each and every master's accounts, and keeping the revenue, stock, and goods of the said company in safely from being damnified, lost, or impaired by your default, and shall well and faithfully perform all other things belonging to the Clerk of the said company according to the uttermost of your knowledge, witt, and ability. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and lawful successors; you shall be obedient to the master, wardens, and assistants of the Company of the Art or Mistery or Makers of Playing Cards of the city of London (whereof you are now admitted Beadle) in all their lawful commandments; and all summonses and other business of the said company to your office belonging you shall faithfully and diligently execute and perform as you shall have direction from the master and wardens, or any of them, from time to time; and all the councils of the master and wardens, and of the assistants of the said company, in all things lawful and honest, you shall from time to time keep secret; and in all things else to the office of Beadle of the said company belonging you shall well, honestly, and diligently behave yourself according to your knowledge, skill, and power. So help you GOD.

CARPENTERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors. You shall, in all matters lawful and honest, be obedient to the master and wardens of the said fellowship for the time being in that office; and obedient and ready to come to all the lawful warnings given to you by the beadle or others, on the behalf of the said master or wardens, except you have a reasonable excuse, without feigning or delays. You shall observe and keep, and to the best of your power do to be observed and kept, all the lawful ordinances and statutes made for the good rule and politic guiding of

the said fellowship, or else pay such sum or sums of money as you shall owe to pay by the breach or offending of the same articles or ordinances. You shall also keep all the lawful secrets of the same fellowship, and all such things as by way of counsel lawfully shall be in communication at any time of assembly of the master and wardens at their Common Hall, and not to disclose the same to any person, and specially to any such person who in the same matter doth or in any wise may touch. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER AND WARDENS.

You and every of you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors; you and every of you shall endeavour yourselves the best you can to execute, and do to be executed, justly and indifferently, all the good and lawful ordinances and laudable acts made for the conservation and guiding of the fellowship of Carpenters, without sparing of any person for affection, reward, meed, dread, or promise of any reward, during the time you shall be in the said office of master or warden. Of all and every such sum or sums of money as by reason of master or wardens to the use of the said fellowship shall come to your hands, or to the hands of any of you, by means of fines, forfeitures, amerciaments, penalties, or any manner, jewels or other things given to the said fellowship, you, according to the ordinances of your craft, shall give a good, due, true, and plain account in writing, at such time and in such place as is assigned by the said ordinance; you shall not for malice, hate, or evil will of any person, or for love or affection, amerce any person in a greater or less sum than according to the said ordinance, or after the quality or quantity of his or their offence. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK AND THE BEADLE.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors. You shall be obedient to the master and wardens of the said art, trade, or mystery for the time being, and you shall do and perform all other matters justly and truly which to your office appertaineth, so far as your ability will extend and you lawfully may do. So help you GOD.

CLOCKMAKERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors, and at all times obedient to the Master and Wardens of this fellowship and society, and their successors after them, in all honest and lawful things touching the affairs of this fellowship. You shall be ready at all manner of summons, and bear scot and lot in all manner of reasonable contributions of and to this fellowship; and the fellowship of the company of Clockmakers of the city of London, you shall, to the best of your skill, power, and ability, uphold and maintain. You shall not know nor suspect any manner of meetings, conspiracies, plots, and devices against the King's Majesty, his heirs or successors, or the government of this fellowship, but you shall the same, to the utmost of your power, let and hinder, and speedily disclose to the Master or one of the Wardens of this society. *And* this city of London and fellowship of Clockmakers you shall keep harmless as much as in you lieth; *also* you shall be ready at all times to be at the quarter days and every other assembly, matter, or cause, that you shall be warned or called unto for the affairs of this fellowship, unless you shall have lawful and reasonable excuse in that behalf. *And* all other ordinances of this fellowship or society ratified according to the laws of this realm, or otherwise lawful for this fellowship or society to make and ordain, you shall to the utmost of your power well and truly submit yourself unto and keep. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A LIVERYMAN.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors; and that you shall perform and obey all that to you appertaineth

to be done by the true meaning of this book of ordinances of this society, and be honest for you to perform, and approved or warranted by the laws of this realm. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE ASSISTANT.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors; you shall assist the Master and Wardens of this fellowship of Clockmakers for the time being in their rule and government of the said fellowship, so long as you shall continue one of the Assistants, with your best and soundest advice: and shall endeavour yourselves, to the utmost of your skill and knowledge, justly and indifferently to execute your said place and office in every respect, and to put in due execution all the good and lawful ordinances of this society, contained, and which shall be expressed and contained, in the book of ordinances, without punishing or assessing any person for envy, hatred, or malice, or sparing of any person for love, fear, dread, favor, or affection, or for reward, or for hope or promise of reward. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER AND WARDENS.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the King and to his heirs and successors, you shall endeavour yourselves the best you can, whilst you continue in the office whereunto you are now chosen, justly and indifferently to execute, and cause to be executed, your offices in every respect, and to put in due execution all the good and lawful laws and ordinances in the book of ordinances expressed and contained, without assessing or punishing any person for envy, hatred, or malice, or sparing any person for reward, meed, dread, favor, or affection; and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, sums of money, or any other thing or things that, by reason of your said office, shall come to your hands, charge, and custody, you shall, according to the ordinances made touching the same, yield and make a good, true, and plain account within convenient time after you shall be thereunto required by the Master and Wardens of the company and fellowship for the time being, or else you shall pay your fines according to the same ordinances. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE AUDITOR.

You shall faithfully, and to the best of your skill and knowledge, hear and examine all such accounts and reckonings, which by any person or persons shall be made and offered, in any wise touching or concerning the affairs of this fellowship or company; and the same accounts and reckonings so by you heard and examined shall deliver up in writing under your hand to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of this fellowship or society for the time being upon reasonable request to you made, and at such time as the Master and Wardens for the time being shall appoint, with your allowance and disallowance of the said account. You shall not allow anything for love or favor, nor disallow anything for hatred or malice, but shall justly and indifferently hear and examine the same account, so near as God will give you grace.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, and his heirs and successors, and to the Master, Wardens, and fellowship of this society; and all the commandments of the Master and Wardens of the same fellowship, being lawful and honest, and touching and concerning the affairs and business of this fellowship belonging to your office, willingly you shall do and execute. True entries of all things belonging to your office you shall make without any partiality for favour or affection, lucre or gain, hatred, envy, or malice whatsoever. You shall not wittingly or willingly do or commit anything that may be hurtful and prejudicial to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, but shall honestly, justly, and truly execute your office of Clerkship in all things appertaining to the same, as the Clerk of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellow-

ship of this society ought to do, so long as you shall continue and be in the same office, according to your best skill, power, and ability, without any partiality. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors, and obedient shall be to the Master and Wardens of this fellowship for the time being; their commandments lawful and honest touching the affairs and business of this fellowship, to the utmost of your power, willingly you shall do. And generally you shall justly and truly do and execute all and every thing and things appertaining to the said office, as the Beadle of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship ought to do, to the utmost of your skill, power, and ability, as long as you shall continue in the said office, without any partiality whatsoever. So help you GOD.

CLOTHWORKERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear, that you shall be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria; that you shall well and truly observe, maintain, and keep, to your power, all the good laws, ordinances, statutes, and decrees, already made or hereafter to be made, for the government of the company or fellowship of the art or mystery of Clothworkers, for the better skill of the said art or mystery, and for the common profit and commodity of the said company or fellowship; that you shall be obedient, from time to time and at all times, in all lawful matters, to the master, wardens, and assistants of the said company or fellowship; and you shall come at all times unto them or any of them, upon a lawful summons either of clerk or beadle, or of any others by them being lawfully enjoined or commanded so to do, having no lawful or reasonable excuse to the contrary, or else pay such penalties as you shall forfeit by your disobedience, according to the lawful ordinances of the said company or fellowship; that all the lawful councils of the said company or fellowship, of the said art or mystery, as at any time of assembly that shall be in communication amongst the said company or fellowship of the said art or mystery at your common hall, you shall keep secret, and not disclose the same to any person, being none of the same company or fellowship, and especially to any such person whom the said matter doth concern and touch. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE ASSISTANTS.

You shall swear, that you and every of you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to her heirs and lawful successors, Kings and Queens of England; and you and every of you shall endeavour yourselves the best you can, as well for and concerning the giving and using of your faithful advices and councils unto the master and wardens of the company or fellowship of the art or mystery of Clothworkers, for the better execution of their said offices; and also to give and use your faithful aids and assistances in every respect, as much as in you lieth, for the due observation of all the good and lawful ordinances in this book of ordinances mentioned and expressed, and according to the intent and true meaning of the same, without molesting or impeaching of any person or persons, either for affection or malice, or for or in respect of any reward, meed, dread, or promise of reward, during the time you shall be assistants, touching the company or fellowship of the said art or mystery of Clothworkers. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER AND WARDENS.

You and every of you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to her heirs and lawful successors, Kings and Queens of England; and you and every of you shall endeavour yourselves to the best you can, justly and indifferently to execute, and cause to be executed, your offices in

every respect to the benefit of the common weal of the Queen's Majesty's subjects and the credit of your company; and you shall likewise execute, or cause to be executed, all the good and lawful ordinances in this company's book of ordinances expressed, without sparing of any man, for affection, reward, meed, dread, or promise of reward, during the time you shall be in the same offices of master and wardens; and of all manner of duties, forfeitures, fines, and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, sums of money, or any other thing or things, that by reason of your said offices shall come to any of your hands, you shall, according to the ordinances before specified, make a good, true, and plain account, or else pay such fines as ye be ordered to pay by the said ordinances for your not so doing. Ye shall not for malice, nor for love or affection, assess any person or persons in a greater or lesser sum than after the quantity and quality of his offence, according to your discretion, and according to the ordinances of the said company or fellowship of Clothworkers.

So help you GOD.

COACH AND COACH HARNESS MAKERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and lawful successors. And in all matters and things lawful and reasonable relating to the said company you shall be obedient to the master, wardens, assistants, and governors of this company for the time being, and to their successors, and shall readily appear upon all summons by their beadle or other officer, except you have sufficient cause to be absent. All the lawful acts, ordinances, and orders made or to be made for the weal, rule, and good government of the said company you shall to your power observe and keep. You shall not do any wrong to any member of this company in relation to the said trades, but shall behave yourself in your said trade well and honestly. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A LIVERYMAN.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and lawful successors. And in all matters and things lawful and reasonable you shall be obedient to the master, wardens, and assistants of this company for the time being, and readily attend them in your livery gown and hood upon all summons by their beadle or other officer, except you have sufficient cause to be absent.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and lawful successors. That you will be true and faithful to the Company of Coach Makers and Coach Harness Makers now incorporated. You shall in all things relating to the company deal justly and indifferently without partiality. And all the lawful counsels and secrets of this company, and of the arts, trades, and misteries of a coach maker or coach harness maker, or either of them, you shall faithfully and truly keep. You shall readily attend the master, wardens, and assistants upon summons by their beadle or other officer, unless you shall be reasonably hindered, so long as you shall continue an Assistant. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE WARDENS.

You and every of you shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and lawful successors. That you will be faithful and true to the Company of Coach-makers and Coach Harness Makers now incorporated, and that you will, as Wardens of the said company, to the best of your skill as far as you lawfully

may, observe and keep all the good, lawful, and laudable acts, ordinances, and orders of the said company now made or hereafter to be made. You shall do your best endeavours to receive or cause to be received to the use of the said company all fines and amerciaments imposed upon any offenders by the ordinances and byelaws of this company; and of all goods, plate, writings, sum and sums of money, and every other thing and things whatsoever in anywise belonging to the said company which shall come to your hands and possession you shall render a good, true, and faithful account.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to her heirs and lawful successors. That you will be faithful and true to the Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers now incorporated, and that you will, as Master of the said company, keep, maintain, and execute, or cause to be kept, maintained, executed, and observed, to the best of your power and skill, all the lawful ordinances and orders of the said company; and of all goods, plates, writings, sum and sums of money, and every other thing and things whatsoever in anywise belonging to the said company which shall come to your hands or possession, and you shall render a good, true, and faithful account to the best of your skill and knowledge.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

I swear that I will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and lawful successors. And in all matters and things lawful and reasonable I will be faithful to the master and wardens of this company for the time being and their successors. I will keep all the lawful council and secrets of this company. I will not deliver the copy of any book of the said company, nor of any act or ordinance made or to be made within this company whereby the company may receive hurt or prejudice; neither embezzle any manner of writings, books, escripts, scrolls, or evidences belonging to the said company. I will give my best councel and advice unto the master, wardens, and assistants of this company for the time being in all things concerning the common weal and profit of the said company. I will diligently, according to my best knowledge and skill, inform the master and wardens for the time being of all acts, orders, and ordinances of the said company, that so errors may not by my silence or negligence be committed. I will carefully register all ordinances from time to time made by the master, wardens, and assistants of the said company. And I will behave myself well and truly towards the said company in all things according to my best knowledge.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and lawful successors. You shall be obedient to the master, wardens, and assistants of this company for the time being in all matters and things lawful concerning your place and office of Beadle. You shall faithfully warn to all courts and meetings all and every person and persons as you shall be by them appointed, and give and return a true account of their answers, if you shall be thereunto required, without sparing any for fear, favour or affection, reward, or hope of gain. And as much as in you lieth you shall behave yourself well and orderly so long as you shall continue in your office of Beadle.

So help you GOD.

COOKS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall be true to our Soverein Lady Queen Victoria, and to her heirs or lawful successors, kings or queens of this realm. You shall be obedient to

the masters or governours and wardens of this company (for the time being) in all lawful things. And that you will be willing and ready to come to all their lawful summonses, unless you have a sufficient excuse for such failure or omission. The lawful ordinances and orders of this company, and every of them, you shall to your power observe and keep; and all the lawful secrets of this company you shall keep and not disclose to any person not free of this company or to any person or persons free thereof that may tend to the prejudice and hurt of this company. So help your GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT.

You do swear that you will be aiding, councelling, and assisting, from time to time and at all times hereafter to the masters or governors and wardens of this company (for the time being) in all things concerning the well ordering and government of this company, according to your best knowledge, discretion, and understanding. And that you will come to and attend all their lawful summonses, unless you have a sufficient excuse for such failure or omission. The lawful ordinances and orders of this company, and every of them, you shall to your power observe and keep; and all the lawful secrets of this company you shall keep and not disclose to any person not free of this company to the prejudice and hurt of this company; and all other matters and things belonging to the place of an Assistant you shall truly and faithfully execute and perform according to the best of your skill and knowledge. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A WARDEN.

You do swear that you will, to the best of your skill and power, execute and justly and indifferently cause to be executed all the good and lawful ordinances and orders made or to be made for the conservation, order, and government of the Trade, Art, and Mistery of Cooks, without spareing any person for affection, reward, fear, or promise of reward, during the time of your continuance in your office of Warden. And that you will make or cause to be made a just and true account of all such goods, plate, sum, and sums of money as shall come into your hands, according to the orders and ordinances of this company. And, lastly, that you shall well and truly execute the office or place of Warden of the said Mistery of Cooks, London, in all things appertaining to the said office according to the best of your skill and knowledge.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER.

You do swear that you will, to the best of your skill and power, execute and justly and indifferently cause to be executed all the good and lawful ordinances and orders made or to be made for the conservation, order, and government of of the Trade, Art, or Mistery of Cooks, without spareing any person for affection, reward, fear, or promise of reward during the time of your continuance in your office of Master or Governor. And that you will make or cause to be made a just and true account of all such goods, plate, sum and sums of money as shall come into your hands, according to the orders and ordinances of this company. And, lastly, that you shall well and truly execute the office or place of Master or Governor of the said Mistery of Cooks, London, in all things appertaining to the said office according to the best of your skill and knowledge.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall be obedient to the masters or governours, wardens, and assistants of this company in all lawful things. You shall come to all their lawful summonses when you are thereunto required, unless you have a sufficient cause to be absent. All the lawful secrets of this company you shall keep and not disclose to any person or persons not free of this company; and, finally, in all things you shall well and truly execute your office of Clerk to this company according to your best knowledge, skill, and understanding.

So help you GOD.

Oath taken by the Beadle.

You shall be true to our Lord Sovereign, the King and Queen that now is, and to their heirs and lawful successors, kings or queens of this realm. And you will be obedient to the masters or governours, wardens, and assistants, in all lawful things. You shall justly and truly execute or cause to be excuted all such summonses as the said masters or governours, wardens and assistants shall order you to execute. And all the lawful secrets of this company you shall keep and not disclose to any person whatsoever without the direction of the said masters or governours and wardens, or any one of them. And, finally, in all things you shall well and orderly behave yourself in your office of Beadle of this company. So help you God.

COOPERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, and to his heirs and sucessors, kings and queens of Great Britain. You shall in all honest and lawful matters be obedient to the Master and Wardens of the fellowship of Coopers within the city of London for the time being, and obedient and ready to come to the lawful warnings given to you on behalf of the Master and Wardens, except you have a reasonable excuse, without feigning or delay, and you shall observe and keep, and to the best of your power cause to be observed and kept, all the lawful ordinances and statutes made for the good rule and politic guiding of the same fellowship. You shall also keep all the lawful secrets of the same fellowship, and all such lawful things as by way of counsel in communication at any day of assembly amongst the said fellowship, shall be holden by the said Master and Wardens and fellowship, and not to disclose the same to any person of the same fellowship, and especially to any such person whom the same matter doth or in anywise may touch.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Assistants.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King, and to his heirs and successors, kings and queens of Great Britain; and you shall, after the best manner you can, justly and indifferently execute, or cause to be executed, your office and place of an Assistant to the Master and Wardens of this company, and all the good rules, orders, and ordinances of the company, without sparing any person or persons for favour, affection, reward, or promise of reward during the time you shall execute and continue in the place or office of an assistant according to the best of your understanding an ability. You shall truly and faithfully endeavour to observe and keep, and as much as in you lieth cause to be observed and kept, all the lawful counsels, consultations, and orders of this company meet to be concealed. You shall, so long as you continue an Assistant of this society, keep without disclosing the same or any part thereof to any person or persons to the hurt or damage of this society.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Master and Wardens.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King, and to his heirs and successors, kings and queens of Great Britain; and you and every of you well and truly shall do your endeavour to execute, and as much as in you is cause to be executed, indifferently and justly all the good ordinances and laudable acts made for the conservation of the said fellowship of Coopers, without sparing or favouring any person for affection, reward, dread, or fear of any person as long as you shall be and continue in the office of Master and Wardens. And of all and every such sum or sums of money as, by reason of your office of Master or Wardens, shall come to your hands or to the hands of any of you by means of fines, forfeitures, amerciaments, or penalties, you shall give a due, true, and plain account at such time and to such persons as by your ordinances be assigned to take the same accounts of you and every of

you. You shall not for malice or hate amerce any person of the same fellowship in any more or larger sum than according to your ordinances, or after the quality or quantity of his or their trespass and default. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King, and to his heirs and successors, kings and queens of Great Britain. You shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, and assistants of the said company for the time being, in all their or any of their just and lawful demands which concern the said company, as you are Clerk in relation thereunto; and you shall attend upon them at their meetings and assemblies as you shall be thereunto required; and also you shall make true entries of all such matters and things which they command to be entered, indifferently, without respect to the person or persons of any for favour, malice, dread, or reward. You shall not deliver out copies of any of the orders or ordinances of this company, nor show to any person or persons the entries made in any books belonging to the said company, meet to be kept private without the consent of the Master and Wardens for the time, whereby the said company may be prejudiced. You shall in all things, incident and belonging to the said place or office of Clerk to this company, justly and faithfully perform, and demean yourself according to your best endeavour.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King, and to his heirs and successors, kings and queens of Great Britain. You shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, and assistants of this company for the time being, in all their just and lawful commands, and you shall according to the direction of the Master and Wardens of this society or some of them, so far as you are able, summon all the freemen of this company, and all others using the trade or mystery of a cooper within the cities of London and Westminster, and the liberties and suburbs of the same, and within two miles' compass of any part thereof, to come and appear before the Master and Wardens for the time being, at the common hall of the said company, on all quarter court days and other court days and times appointed; and, in all things incident and belonging to the place or office of Beadle of the said company, you shall well, faithfully, and justly do, perform, demean, and behave yourself to the best of your power.

So help you GOD.

CUTLERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear to be true and loyal to your Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and her lawful heirs and successors.

You shall be true, faithful, and loving to this fraternity or corporation of the mystery of Cutlers, and obedient to the Master, Wardens, and assistants thereof, for the time being. All duties of this company you shall from time to time well and truly perform: And you shall be contributory to all manner of lawful contributions imposed upon you by the Master, Wardens, and assistants for the time being, as other bretheren do, to your power.

All apprentices' indentures to be made by the clerk of this hall for the time being.

All the lawful rules, statutes, and ordinances made and ordained for the good government of freemen of this fraternity or corporation of the mystery of Cutlers, you shall duly and truly observe, maintain, and keep.

You shall in person come to the Cutlers' Hall, at all lawful summons, except you shall have a reasonable and lawful excuse to the contrary, or else pay such fines as shall be imposed upon you for the neglect thereof.

All the lawful secrets of this company you shall keep.

So help you GOD.

Oath taken by an Assistant.

You shall swear that you will be true and loyal to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, her heirs and lawful successors. And you shall endeavour yourself so far forth as lawfully you may, to the best of your understanding and skill, as well for and concerning the giving and using your faithful advices and counsels unto the Master and Wardens of the said mystery of Cutlers for the time being, for the better execution of their said offices, and to give and use your faithful aid and assistance in every respect as much as in you lieth; and lawfully you may do for the due observation of all the good and lawful ordinances herein mentioned and expressed according to the true intent and meaning of the same, without spareing or impeaching of any person or persons whatsoever either for affection or malice, or for or in respect of any reward, mead, or promise of reward during the term you shall be an assistant, touching and concerning the said mystery. So help you God and the holy contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Wardens.

You and every of you shall swear that you will be true and loyal to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, her heirs and lawful successors. And you shall endeavour yourself the best you can, justly, lawfully, and indifferently, to execute and cause to be executed your office in every respect so far forth as you lawfully may, according to your understanding and ability. And in like manner shall to your utmost endeavour and power observe and cause to be observed all the good and lawful ordinances herein expressed, without sparing any person for affection, reward, mead, dread, or promise of reward during the term you shall remain and be in the said office of Wardens. And of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, sums of money, or any other thing and things that by reason of your said office shall come to your hands or possession you shall, according to the ordinances herein specified, make a good, true, and plain account, or else pay such reasonable fines as you shall be ordered to pay by the said ordinances for your not so doing. You shall not for malice nor for love or affection assess any person or persons in a greater or lesser sum than after the quantity and quality of his offence, according to your discretion and according to the ordinances in these presents expressed and mentioned.

So help you God and the holy contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Master.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Victoria Queen of this realm. That you will be faithful and true unto the Company of Cutlers, and that you will as Master of the said company endeavour by yourself, so far as lawfully you may, to observe, keep, and maintain, and justly and indifferently to execute or cause to be executed and observed all the lawful acts, ordinances, and orders of the said company now made or hereafter to be made and lawfully ordained, not spareing or conniving at any person or persons of the said company either for fear, favour, or affection, reward or hope of gain during all the time you shall continue in your said office. That all fines and amerciaments incurred by and imposed upon any offenders of your said company you shall do your best endeavour to levy and receive or cause to be levied and received to the use of the said company only. And of all goods, plate, jewels, and other utensils, sum and sums of money, and every other thing and things whatsoever in anywise belonging to the said Company of Cutlers, which shall or may at any time or times hereafter during your Mastership come into your hands, custody, or possession, or which shall in anywise be within your power and knowledge you shall render a good, true, just, and faithful account or readily submit unto and pay such fines and amerciaments as you shall be taxed and ordered to pay for your neglect or failing in any the cases aforesaid according to the orders and ordinances of the said company established. You shall not for malice or hatred, love or affection, tax, rate, or assess any person or persons whatsoever in greater or lesser sum or sums of money than in proportion and according to the nature and quality of his or their offence or offences. And this you shall do according to your best discretion.

So help you God and the holy contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Clerk.

You shall swear to be true and loyal to our Sovereign Lady Victoria, her heirs and lawful successors, and that you shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being, and shall give your personal attendance upon the Master and Wardens of the said company for the time being when and as often as the affairs and business of the said company shall require the same, unless your absence be caused by sickness or by the leave of the said Master for the time being. You shall endeavour yourself the best you can justly, honestly, and faithfully to execute the office of Clerk of the said company in every respect so far as you lawfully may, according to your understanding and ability. You shall be true, just, and faithful for, in, and about all and singular your dealings, doings, and transactions for, in, and about the affairs and business of the said company. You shall from time make true entries as well of all courts and meetings as of all accompts of Master, Wardens, or others concerning the said company. You shall bind no apprentice or apprentices to any member of the said company without first presenting such apprentice and apprentices to the Master for the time being, or wittingly or willingly do or cause to be done any act, matter, or thing whatsoever hurtful or prejudicial to the said company. But you shall perform your duty as Clerk of the said company with all integrity and honesty. So help you God.

DISTILLERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Victoria, Queen of this realm, and in all matters and things lawful and reasonable relating to the said company shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Governors of this company for the time being and their successors; and shall readily appear upon all summons by their beadle or other officer (except you have sufficient cause to be absent), or else you shall forthwith pay all such penalties and fines as you shall forfeit according to the ordinances of this company for breaking the same. All the lawful acts, ordinances, and orders made or to be made for the weal, rule, and good government of the said company [*or* if the oath is taken by a vinegar maker, the vinegar makers of the said company] you shall to your power observe and keep or else forthwith pay such fines and penalties as you shall according to the said ordinances forfeit by reason of your disobedience or breaking the same. All the lawful secrets of the trade, art, and mystery of distillers [*or* the vinegar makers of this company] you shall conceal and keep, and all lawful counsels, consultations, words, matters, and things which you shall at any time hear or know spoken or done at any court or other assembly of the said company that doth concern the government of the company [*or* the vinegar makers of this company], reformation of abuses, or regulation of refractory or disorderly persons you shall not divulge, declare, or make known to any person or persons whatsoever whereby the good government of the said company, redress of abuses, therein, or regulation of their disorderly members may be hindered, prejudiced, or prevented. All this you shall faithfully do and perform to the utmost of your power. So help you God and the contents of this Book.

Oath taken by a Liveryman.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Victoria, Queen of this realm. And in all matters and things lawful and reasonable you shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Governors of this company for the time being and their successors, and them shall readily attend in your livery gown and hood upon all summonses by the beadle or other officer (except you have sufficient cause to be absent), or else you shall forthwith pay all such penalties and fines as you shall forfeit according to the ordinances of this company for breaking the same. All the lawful acts, ordinances, and orders made, or to be made, for the weal, rule, and good government of the said company you shall to your power observe and keep, or else forthwith pay such fines and penalties as you shall,

according to the said ordinances, forfeit by reason of your disobedience or breaking the same. All the lawful secrets of the trade, art, and mystery of distillers you shall conceal and keep, and all lawful counsels and consultations, words, matters, and things that you shall at any time hear or know spoken or done at any court or other assembly of the said company that doth concern the government of the company, reformation of abuses, or regulation of refractory or disorderly persons you shall not divulge, declare, or make known to any person or persons whomsoever, whereby the good government of the company, redress of abuses therein, or regulation of their disorderly members may be hindered, prejudiced, or prevented. All this you shall faithfully and truly do and perform to the uttermost of your power.

So help you GOD and the holy contents of this Book.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT.

You swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Victoria, Queen of this realm. That you will be faithful and true to the Company of Distillers now incorporated. That you will upon every summons by the beadle or other officer of this company at all times (unless you shall be reasonably hindered), attend Master and Wardens at all their courts or meetings, and be aiding and assisting to them, with your best advice and counsel, for the well ordering and governing of the said company, and all the members thereof, in all things tending to the public good, good regulation, and credit of the same, and according to the acts and ordinances of this company made or to be made and lawfully ordained, and shall endeavour the conformity and obedience of all the members of the said company thereunto, without sparing for fear, favour, or affection, reward, or hope of gain, not being too rigorous unto any persons through envy, malice, or other cause whatsoever. You shall in all things deal justly and indifferently, without partiality, both in your advice, counsel and assistance, in whatsoever shall at any time concern the said company, or welfare thereof. All the lawful counsel of this company, and secrets of the trade, art, and mystery of distillers, you shall faithfully and truly keep. And all these things you shall do and perform to the utmost of your power so long as you continue an Assistant. So help you GOD and the holy contents of this Book.

OATH TAKEN BY THE WARDENS.

You and every of you swear that you shall be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Victoria, Queen of this realm; that you will be faithful and true unto the Company of Distillers, and that you will as Wardens of the said company endeavour, by yourselves, so far as you and every of you lawfully may, to observe, keep, and maintain, and justly and indifferently to execute, or cause to be executed and observed, all the good, laudable, and lawful acts, ordinances, and orders of the said company now made, or hereafter to be made, and lawfully ordained, not sparing or conniving at any person or persons of the said company, either for fear, favour, or affection, reward, or hope of gain, during all the time you shall continue in your said office; that all fines and amerciaments incurred by or imposed upon any offender of your said company you shall do your best endeavour to levy and receive, or cause to be levied or received, to the use of the said company only; and of all goods, plate, jewels, and other utensils, sum and sums of money, and every other thing and things whatsoever, in anywise belonging to the said Company of Distillers, which shall or may at any time or times hereafter during your Wardenships come unto you, or any of your hands, custody, or possession, or which shall be in anywise within your power or knowledge you shall render a good, true, and faithful account, or readily submit unto or pay such fines and amerciaments as you shall be taxed or ordered to pay for your neglect or failing in any of the cases aforesaid, according to the orders or ordinances of the said company established; You shall not, for malice or hatred, love or affection, tax, rate, or assess, any person or persons whomsoever in greater or lesser sum and sums of money than in proportion and according to the nature and quality of his or their offence or offences, according to the ordinances of this company; and this you shall do according to your best discretion.

So help you GOD and the holy contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Master.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Victoria, Queen of this realm; that you will be faithful and true unto the Company of Distillers, and that you will as Master of the said company endeavour, by yourself, so far as lawfully you may, to observe, keep, and maintain, and justly and indifferently to execute, or cause to be executed and observed, all the laudable and lawful acts, ordinances, and orders of the said company now made, or hereafter to be made, and lawfully ordained, not sparing or conniving at any person or persons of the said company, either for fear, favour, or affection, reward, or hope of gain, during all the time you shall continue in your said office; that all fines and amerciaments incurred by and imposed upon any offenders of your said company you shall do your best endeavour to levy and receive, or cause to be levied and received, to the use of the said company only; and of all goods, plate, jewels, and other utensils, sum and sums of money, and every other thing and things whatsoever in anywise belonging to the said Company of Distillers, which shall or may at any time or times hereafter during your Mastership come into your hands, custody, or possession, or which shall in anywise be within your power and knowledge you shall render a good, true, just, and faithful account, or readily submit unto and pay such fines or amerciaments as you shall be taxed and ordered to pay for your neglect or failing in any of the cases aforesaid, according to the orders or ordinances of the said company established; you shall not, for malice or hatred, love or affection, tax, rate, or assess any person or persons whomsoever in greater or lesser sum or sums of money than in proportion and according to the nature and quality of his or their offence or offences; and this you shall do, according to your best discretion.

So help you God and the holy contents of this Book.

Oath taken by a Clerk.

You shall swear that you will be good and and true to our Sovereign Lady Victoria, Queen of this realm; and in all matters and things lawful and reasonable you shall be faithful and obedient to the Master and Wardens of this company for the time being and their successors; you shall, once in every year, yearly, put the said Master and Wardens in mind that they may give order to you publicly to read all the ordinances of this company, or so many of them as shall to them seem requisite, unto such of the said company as shall be present; you shall also keep all the lawful counsels and secrets of this company; you shall not deliver the copy of any book concerning the said company, nor of any act or ordinance made or to be made and ordained within this society, whereby the company may receive any hurt or prejudice, neither show the same book to any person without the knowledge of the said Master and Wardens, or two of them; neither embezzle any manner of writings, books, escripts, scrolls, or evidences belonging to the said company; you shall give your best counsel and advice unto the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being in all things concerning the common weal and profit of the said company; you shall diligently and and truly inform the Master and Wardens for the time being of all acts, orders, and ordinances of the said company, that so errors may not by your silence or negligence be committed; you shall carefully register all orders made from time to time by the Master, Wardens, and their assistants; you shall behave yourself well and truly towards the said company in all things according to your best judgment.

So help you God and the holy contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Beadle.

You swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Victoria, Queen of this realm; you shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of this company for the time being in all lawful matters concerning your place and office; you shall faithfully warne to all courts and meetings, all and every person and persons as you shall be by them appointed, and give true notice of their answers (if you shall be thereunto required), without

sparing any for fear, favour, or affection, reward, or hope, of gain, and as much as in you lyeth you shall behave yourself well and orderly so long as you shall continue in your office of Beadle.

So help you GOD and the holy contents of this Book.

DRAPERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall sincerely promise and swear that you will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors. You shall be faithful and loving to the guild or fraternity of the Drapers of London. You shall obey all manner of summons of the Master and Wardens of the said guild or fraternity, by them or their officers for the time being, or else you shall pay the pains and amerciaments ordained therefore. You shall be compertioner, and to your power bear all manner of costs and charges of the said guild or fraternity; the counsels of the said guild or fraternity, honest and lawful, you shall conceal and keep privy, and to all causes and matters for the weal and worship of the said guild or fraternity, when you shall be summoned thereunto, you shall give your best advice and counsel. And if your know any thing at any time which shall be slanderous or hurtful to any of the said guild or fraternity, to your power you shall lett it; or else the Master or one of the Wardens you shall warn thereof, or do to be warned. You shall also conceal and keep privy the reasonable counsels of your master that you serve, or have served; and all the lawful rules and ordinances made, or in time coming to be made, by the discreet counsel of the said guild or fraternity you shall well and truly, to your power, observe and keep; or being convict thereof by your default you shall pay the pains and amerciaments ordained therefore, upon demand thereof made by the Masters or Wardens of the said guild or fraternity. So help you GOD.

GOD save the QUEEN.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER AND WARDENS.

Ye shall swear, that ye do utterly testify and declare in your consciences that Her Majesty Queen Victoria is the only supreme governor of this realm and of all other her Highness's dominions and countries, as well in all spiritual or ecclesiastical things or causes as temporal, and that no foreign prince, parson, prelate, state, or potentate hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence, or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this realm. And therefore ye do utterly renounce and forsake all foreign jurisdictions, powers, superiorities, and authorities, and do promise that from henceforth ye shall bear faith and true allegiance to the Queen's Highness, her heirs and lawful successors, and to your powers shall assist and defend all jurisdictions, privileges, pre-eminencies, and authorities granted or belonging to the Queen's Highness, her heirs and successors, or united or annexed to the Imperial Crown of this realm, and that ye shall well and truly oversee the occupation or mystery of Drapers of London whereof ye be chosen (Master or Wardens) for the year ensuing, and all the good rules and ordinances of the same mystery made by the aldermen and council of the same fellowship, being approved, and none other, ye shall keep or do to be kept. And for all the defaults that ye shall find in the same mystery done, ye shall spare no man for favor, nor grieve any man for hate; extortion nor wrong under colour of your office ye shall none do, neither shall ye consent to anything that shall be against the state, peace, and profit of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, or this city of London. But for the time ye shall be in office in all things that shall belong unto the same mystery, after the laws of the realm and franchises of the said city, well, truly and lawfully ye shall demean and behave yourselves. So help you GOD.

Oath taken by the Beadle.

You shall swear, that you shall be true to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors; you shall be a good and true brother of the Company of Drapers whereof you are chosen Beadle, you shall be obedient to the Master and Wardens of the same company for the time being, you shall be ready at all times while you are in office to go with the Master and Wardens at all manner of searches and all other needful errands pertaining to the common profit of this fraternity, when you shall be thereunto called or assigned you shall do all manner of summons and warning whereunto you shall be appointed by the Master or Master Wardens. Also you shall not open or disclose any word or words which any brother of this said company, perchance in heat of blood or unadvisedly, shall speak in your hearing to the rebuke, reproach, disproof, check, or in derision of any other brother being absent; also during your continuance in office you shall conceal and keep secret all such matter, counsells, commentations as the Master, Master Wardens, and Assistants of this fellowship at all and every their court days assemble and quarter days which in this their common hall to be kept and holden, shall in your hearing condescend and agree upon for the good government and continuance of the said fellowship in worship and prosperity. In this point and all other business that belongeth to your office of Beadle thereof to be done well and truly, you shall bear and behave yourself to the worship of this fraternity to the uttermost of your power. So help you God.

DYERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall be true unto our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne. You shall be also true and faithful to the Mistery and Company of Dyers as much as in you is, keeping love and charity amongst them, not stirring or moving any occasion of strife or debate through the said mistery, company, or fraternity, or any person of the same might be hindred or hurt. Also you shall be in all things lawful and obedient always to the wardens of the said mistery, company, and fraternity for the time being, and all the lawful rules, statutes, orders, and ordinances made and ordained for the good ordering and governing of the same company or mistery, or hereafter to the same intent to be made, truly and duly you shall maintain, perform, obey, and support to your power. Also you shall duly and truly pay or cause to be paid the duties of quarterage, search, and all other duties, yearly or otherwise, lawfully belonging to the said fellowship, and be contributory to all manner of lawful and reasonable charges belonging and necessarily appertaining as other brethren do to your power. Also you shall obey all lawful summons done in the said wardens' name by the clerk or beadle for anything concerning the honor, welfare, and service of this city of London, and of this Company and Mystery of Dyers. So help you God.

Oath taken by an Assistant.

I do swear that I will well and truly execute the office of Assistant of the Worshipful Company of Dyers. So help me God.

Oath taken by a Warden.

You shall well and truly govern the Mystery and Company of Dyers, London, according to their charter, bylaws, orders, ordinances, usual and reasonable customs; and usages, and according to your best judgment and discretion; advancing the prosperity of the said company by all lawful and reasonable ways to your power, and doing right always as well to the poor as to the rich. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Clerk.

You shall swear that you will be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne. You shall be obedient to the wardens of the said company for the time being; and when and as often as the wardens of the said company shall ask your advice and counsel in any matter that shall touch or concern the said fellowship you shall true advice and council therein give to the utmost of your knowledge; you shall be attendant upon the said wardens to all times reasonable when you shall be thereunto required, and all the lawful secrets and counsels of the said fellowship you shall keep; also you shall justly and truly do and perform all other matters which to your office appertaineth, and which you shall be assigned and commanded by the wardens for the time being to do, so far as your ability will extend and you lawfully may do.

So help you God.

FANMAKERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You do sincerely promise and swear that you will be faithful, and bear true allegiance to her Majesty Queen Victoria. You shall be true to the Society of Fanmakers, whereof you are now admitted a member. You shall be obedient to the just and good government of the Master, Wardens, Assistants, and society aforesaid. You shall obey the lawful summons of the Master and Wardens of the said society. You shall not discover the lawful secrets of the said Master, Wardens, Assistants, or Society in the good government of the said society. You shall to your power maintain the peace of the said society, and all the lawful privileges thereof. Lastly, you shall truly and faithfully do and perform all such other acts and things which do and shall belong to you to do and perform as a member of the said society, according to the charter, byelaws, and ordinances thereof. So help you God.

FARRIERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and lawful successors; and in all matters and things lawful and reasonable relating to the said company you shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Governors of this company for the time being, and their successors, and shall readily appear upon all summons by their beadle or other officer (except you have sufficient cause to be absent). All the lawful acts, ordinances, and orders made or to be made for the weal, rule, and good government of the said company you shall to your power observe and keep, or else forthwith pay such fines and penalties as you shall according to the said ordinances forfeit by reason of your disobedience and breaking the same. You shall not do any wrong to any member of this Company in relation to the said trade, but shall behave yourself in your said trade well and honestly.

So help you God and the holy contents of this Book.

Oath taken by a Liveryman.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and lawful successors; and in all matters and things lawful and reasonable you shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the company for the time being, and readily attend them in your livery gown and hood upon all summons by their Beadle or other officer, except you have sufficient cause to be absent. So help you God.

Oath taken by an Assistant.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to her heirs and lawful successors; that you will be faithful and true to the Company of Farriers now incorporated; you shall in

all things relating to the said company deal justly and indifferently without partiality; and all the lawful counsel and secrets of this company of the trade, art, and mystery of farriers you shall faithfully and truly keep. You shall readily attend the Master and Wardens upon summons by their Beadle or other officer, unless you shall be reasonably hindered, so long as you shall continue an assistant. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE WARDENS.

You and every of you shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to her heirs and to lawful successors; that you will be faithful and true unto the Company of Farriers now incorporated; and that you will as Wardens of the said company to the best of your skill, so far as you lawfully may, observe and keep all the good, lawful, and laudable acts, ordinances, and orders of the said company now made or hereafter to be made. You shall do your best endeavours to receive or cause to be received to the use of the said company all fines and amerciaments imposed upon any offender by the orders and byelaws of this company, and of all goods, plates, writings, sum and sums of money, and every other thing and things whatsoever in anywise belonging to the said company which come to your hands or possession you shall render a good, true, and faithful account.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to her heirs and lawful successors; that you will be faithful and true to the Company of Farriers now incorporated; and that you will as master of the company keep, maintain, and execute or cause to be kept maintained, executed, and observed, all the lawful ordinances and orders of the said company; and of all goods, plate, writings, sum and sums of money, and every other thing and things whatsoever in anywise belonging to the said company which shall come into your hands or possession, you shall render a good, true, and faithful account, to the best of your skill and knowledge.
So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to her heirs and lawful successors; and in all matters and things lawful and reasonable you shall be faithful and obedient unto the Master and Wardens of this company for the time being, and their successors; you shall keep all the lawful counsels and secrets of this company; you shall not deliver the copy of any book concerning the said company, nor of any act or ordinance made or to be made or ordained within this society, whereby the company may receive any hurt or prejudice, neither show the same books to any person without the knowledge of the said Master and Wardens, or two of them, neither embezzle any manner of writings, books, escripts, scrolls, or evidences belonging to the said company. You shall give your best counsel and advice unto the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being in all things concerning the common weal and profit of the said company. You shall diligently and truly, according to your best skill and knowledge, inform the Master and Wardens for the time being of all acts, orders, and ordinances of the said company, that so errors may not by your silence or negligence be committed. You shall carefully register all orders made from time to time by the Master, Wardens, and their assistants, and you shall behave yourself well and truly towards the said company in all things according to your best judgment. So help you GOD and the holy contents of this Book.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and lawful successors; you shall be obedient to the Masters, Wardens, and Assistants of this company for the time being in all matters and things lawful concerning your place and office of Beadle; you shall lawfully warn to all courts and meetings all and every

person and persons as you shall be by them appointed, and give and return true account of their answers, if you should be thereunto required, without sparing any for fear, favour, or affection; reward, or hope of gain; and as much as in you lieth you shall behave yourself well and orderly so long as you shall continue in your office of Beadle.

So help you GOD and the holy contents of this Book.

FELTMAKERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A MEMBER.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors; and that you will at all times be obedient to the masters, wardens, and assistants of the said Company of Feltmakers of London, and their successors, in all lawful things touching the affairs and business of the said fellowship; you shall bear scott and lott in all manner of rates and contributions which shall be laid or imposed on the same company, according to your ability. You shall be and appear at the hall or other place of meeting of the said company when you shall be lawfully summoned by the beadle or other officers of the said company by order of the said master and wardens at. If you shall know or suspect any manner of meetings, conspiracies, plots, or devices against the King's Majesty, his heirs or successors, or the government of the said Fellowship of Feltmakers, you shall the same to the uttermost of your power let or hinder and speedily disclose to the master or one of the wardens of this company. ratified and made according to the laws of this realm, or otherwise lawful for this company to make and ordain, you shall on your part well and truly submit yourself and keep. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A LIVERYMAN.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to your Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors; and that you shall perform and obey all that to you appertaineth to be done by the orders of the said Company of Feltmakers, being honest for you to perform, and approved or warranted by the laws of this realm or the laudable customs of this city of London. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT.

You shall be true and faithful to your Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors; and you shall endeavour yourself, so far forth as you lawfully may, to the best of your skill and discretion, as well for and concerning the giving and using your faithful advice and counsel unto the master and wardens of the Art and Mistery of Feltmakers of London for the time being for the more better execution of their said offices, and also to give and use your faithful aid and assistance in every respect as much as in you lyeth and lawfully you may do for the due observation of all the good and lawful orders in the book of orders made for the good government of the said company mentioned and expressed, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, without spearing or impeaching of any person or persons whatsoever, either for affection, or malice, or for or in respect of reward, meed, dread, favour, or promise of reward, during the time you shall be an Assistant of the said Company of Feltmakers of the city of London; and the lawful secrets and counsel of the master, wardens, and your fellow assistants which shall be debated in private at any of their courts of assistants shall keep secret, and not disclose the same out of court or otherwise to any person or persons whatsoever, especially to such person or persons whom the same shall or may anyways touch or concern.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A WARDEN.

You shall be true and faithful to your Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors; and you shall endeavour yourself the best you can justly, lawfully, and indifferently to execute, and cause to be executed, your

office of Warden of this Company of Feltmakers in every respect so far forth as you lawfully may, and in like manner shall observe and keep, and cause to be observed and kept, all the good and lawful orders made for the well governing of the said company, without sparing any person for affection, reward, meed, dread, or promise of reward, during the time you shall remain and be in the said office of Warden of the said company, and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, sums of money, or any other thing or things that by reason of your said office shall come to your hands or possession, you shall, according to the orders made by the said company touching the same, make a good, true, plain, and perfect account in writing, fairly written, or else shall pay such fines as you shall be ordered to pay by the orders of the said company for your not so doing; you shall not for malice, love, or affection assess any person or persons in a greater or lesser sum than after the quantity or quality of his offence, according to the best of your discretion, and according to the orders of the said company.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER.

You shall be true and faithful to your Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors. You shall endeavour yourself the best you can justly and indifferently to execute, and cause to be executed, your office of Master of this company in every respect so far forth as you lawfully may; and in like manner shall observe and keep, and cause to be observed and kept, all the good and lawful ordinances herein expressed, without sparing any person for affection, reward, meed, dread, favour, promise, or hope of reward, during the time you shall remain and be in the said office of Master; and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, sums of money, or other thing or things that by reason of your said office shall come to your hands or possession you shall, according to the orders framed for the good government of the society whereof you are Master, make a good, true, and plain account, or else shall pay such fines as you shall be ordered to pay by the said orders of the Society of Feltmakers for your not so doing. You shall not for malice, or for love or affection, assess any person or persons in a greater or less sum than after the quantity or quality of his offence to the best of his discretion to the orders of this company.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall be true and faithful to your Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors. You shall be obedient to the master and wardens or the Art or Mystery of Feltmakers for the time being; yourself or your lawfulf deputy shall read all the orders of this company on every of the four quarter court days to be holden and kept by the master and wardens of this company, if you shall be thereunto required by the said master and wardens; you shall make due and true entries into the book of entries and remembrances of the said company as the said master and wardens shall command you, without spearing any person or persons for affection, lucre, or malice; you shall not deliver the copies of any of the characters of the said company, or any of the books or orders of the said company, without the consent of the said master or wardens, or one of them; the lawful councils and debates of the said master and wardens, and of the assistants, which shall at any time or times hereafter be by them in their courts of assistants debated you shall keep secret and not disclose the same to any person or persons whatsoever, especially to such person or persons whom the same matter doth in anywise touch or concern, and so far as you lawfully may you shall use, demean, and behave yourself and honestly and justly in the office of Clerk of the said company so long as you shall continue in the same office.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

Now that you are elected and chosen to be the Beadle to the master, wardens, and assistants of the Company of Feltmakers of the city of London you shall, so long as you continue their Beadle, summon all and every such person and persons as the said master and wardens, or any of them, shall command to be summoned, according to the orders of the said company in that case made and provided, without sparing any persons for favour, affection, lucre, gains, hatred,

or malice; you shall endeavour yourself, as near as you can, at all times to do and execute your office as a good and honest servant of the said company ought. So help you GOD.

FISHMONGERS' COMPANY.

DECLARATION MADE BY A FREEMAN.

I solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors, in all matters lawful and honest. I will be obedient to the Wardens of the Mistery of Fishmongers of the city of London for the time being in that office, and ready to come at their summonses and lawful warning, except I have a lawful excuse, without feigning or delay, according to the lawful ordinances of the Mistery of Fishmongers aforesaid, which ordinances and every of them to my power I will observe and keep, or else will pay such penalties and fines as I shall forfeit by reason of my disobedience. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously intending and being resolved faithfully and truly to abide by, perform, and fulfil the same, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of His Majesty William the Fourth, cap. 62, intituled "An Act to repeal an Act of the present Session of Parliament, intituled 'An Act for the more effectual Abolition of Oaths and Affirmations, taken and made in various departments of the State, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the more entire Suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits, and to make other provisions for the Abolition of unnecessary Oaths.'"

DECLARATION MADE BY A WARDEN.

I solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors, and that I will well, rightly, and honestly execute the office of Warden of the freemen of the mistery of Fishmongers of the city of London, commonly called by the name of the Wardens and Commonalty of the Mistery of Fishmongers of the city of London, or by whatsoever other name or names they are named or called, in all things concerning the same office, and endeavour myself to the best of my power to execute all the good and lawful ordinances and laudable acts made for the conservation and politique guiding of the fellowship of Fishmongers of the city of London, without sparing of any person for affection, reward, or promise of reward. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously intending and being resolved faithfully and truly to abide by, perform and fulfil the same, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made, &c., &c.

DECLARATION MADE BY THE FISHMETERS.

I solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of my office of Fishmeter, and be obedient to and fulfil all the lawful commands of the Wardens of the Mistery of Fishmongers of the city of London for the time being in that office, and be ready to come at their summonses and lawful warning without feigning or delay; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously intending and being resolved faithfully and truly to abide by, perform, and fulfil the same, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act, &c., &c.

DECLARATION MADE BY THE CLERK.

I solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors. I will be obedient unto the Wardens and Assistants of the Mistery of Fishmongers of the city of London, for the time being, I will take due care of all deeds, property, and effects belonging to the said mistery, duly accounting for and paying over all moneys which may come to my hands by virtue of my said office; and in all things whatsoever faithfully and honestly discharge the several duties of my said office. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously intending and being resolved faithfully and truly to abide by, perform, and fulfil the same, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act, &c., &c.

FOUNDERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear that you will be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to Her heirs and successors; you shall be true and faithful to the craft and mystery of Founders within the City of London, and always you shall be obedient unto the master and wardens of the said mystery or company for the time being, in all lawful things; you shall be ready to come to all manner of summons to you, to be given by the beadle of the said craft, or other officer deputed thereunto, except you shall have a lawful and sufficient excuse, and in all things lawful and reasonable you shall behave yourself as a freeman of this company ought to do, and all the lawful secrets and counsel of this mystery or company from time to time you shall keep and not disclose; and the credit and lawful profit of this company to the utmost of your skill, power, and ability, you shall uphold and maintain; all the lawful ordinances of this mystery made or hereafter to be made, for the good government and rule of the same, you shall keep and maintain to your utmost power, or else in default thereof submit yourself to the master, wardens, and assistants of this mystery or company, from time to time to pay such just and reasonable fine as by the ordinance of this mystery is prescribed to be paid, and in every other thing befitting your calling in the said mystery or company you shall well, honestly, and obediently behave yourself. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Assistants.

You shall swear that you shall be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to Her heirs and successors, and so long as you continue one of the assistants of this Company you shall be aiding and assistant unto your master and wardens at all times, and upon all occasions when you shall be thereunto summoned and required (except you have reasonable let or excuse), and according to your best skill and judgment good and true advice and counsel you shall give from time to time in all the affairs and occurrent business that shall either concern the Corporation of Founders or any brother or member thereof; and in all and every thing and things wherein your counsel and advice shall be required by the said master and wardens you shall deliver the same according to your conscience without malice or affection to any person or persons or corrupt profit to yourself; and all the lawful ordinances of this mystery expressed and contained in the book of ordinances you shall keep, maintain, and put in due execution to your uttermost power; and in every matter, cause, or thing that shall concern the lawful and just profit and credit of the mystery of Founders, you shall from time to time readily, carefully, and justly endeavour and bear yourself. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Master and Wardens.

You shall swear that you shall be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to Her heirs and successors, and so long as you continue in this office you shall do and execute, and cause to be done and executed all things belonging to your office, honestly, justly, and truly according to your best understanding and knowledge; and to your best endeavour you shall not willingly suffer such persons as shall offend against the laws and lawful ordinances of this mystery for any favour, meed, dread, or affection which to them you or any of you shall bear to escape impunity or without punishment, neither shall you punish, or grieve, or caused to be punished or grieved any man for hate or envy. The lawful ordinances of this mystery expressed and contained in the book of ordinances you and every of you shall keep, maintain, and put in due execution to your uttermost power; you shall well and honestly entreat the men of this mystery, and according to your skill and judgment justly and indifferently order the causes, differences, and affairs of this company, and no singular profit to yourselves do, nor corruptly take, whereby the common profit of the company may be hindered; you shall not lavishly lay out, waste, or mispend the money, goods, or treasure of this company, but you shall according to the ordinances in that behalf made make

a true, due, and plain account of all things whatsoever, which, by reason of your office, shall come to your hands or to the hands of any other by your means or consent, and the same satisfy and answer within convenient time after you shall be thereunto required by the master, wardens, and assistants of this company for the time being, or by the greater part of them, or else in default thereof you shall pay your lawful and reasonable fines according to the same ordinances; you shall no man admit or receive into this company nor depart with any brother thereof without the consent of your assistants or the more part of them; you shall not undertake any affair or business of weight or importance that may concern the mystery without the advice and counsel of your assistants or the more part of them, except the delay thereof may prove dangerous and hurtful to the company, and in all cases wherein you are to use the advice and counsel of your assistants you shall cause all and every the assistants of this company that ought to be warned to be fully and wholly warned and summoned to your courts from time to time as occasions are offered. To the end if any one of them know more than another in any cause or thing he may be present if he will to inform his knowledge and give his opinion for the better ordering and ending thereof, and in every other matter, cause, and thing that shall concern the lawful and just profit and credit of the mystery of Founders you shall carefully and justly endeavour and bear yourselves. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE AUDITORS.

You shall faithfully and truly to the best of your skill and knowledge hear, take, and examine all such accounts and reckonings which by any person or persons of this mystery, shall be exhibited, produced, made, or offered unto you to be audited, heard, and examined, touching the goods, debts, business, and affairs of this company. You shall, in taking and passing the said accounts, hear yourselves indifferently and impartially between the company and the accomptants, not allowing any thing against the common profit of the Company for love or favour to any person, nor disallowing any thing to the hindrance of any person for hatred or malice. You shall upon the perfecting, finishing, and auditing of all such accounts as you shall audit, examine, deliver every of the said accounts fairly ingrossed up in writing under your hands to the master and wardens of this company for the time being, at such time as shall be preferred and appointed for you so to do. And in every other thing and things which you shall think fit to be done for the common profit of the company (without wrong to the accounts), you shall endeavour yourselves to the utmost of your discretion and skill. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SEARCHER.

You shall swear that from time to time, at the appointment and commandment of the master and wardens, or otherwise when you shall see just occasion, you shall make diligent view and search within the city of London and suburbs, and three miles compass thereof, as well for all manner of deceitful works wrought into brass or copper wares, as for deceitful brass weights of all kinds, and do your best endeavour that the makers, sellers, and workers of the same deceitful works and weights be justly and condignly punished and corrected. And all such as you shall find to be true, sufficient, and lawful brass weights, agreeable to the Queen's Majesty's standards, you shall do your best to cause them to be sized and marked with the common, usual, and accustomed mark of the said mystery or company, being the stamp or form of an ewer. And in every matter, cause, or thing that shall concern your office, you shall diligently and faithfully do and execute without favour or partiality, lucre or gain, hatred or malice, in all things appertaining to the same, and as you shall be appointed and commanded by your master and wardens.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE SIZER OF WEIGHTS.

You shall swear that you shall from time to time well and truly try, size, and mark all manner of brass weights which shall come to your charge or hands to

be tried, sized, or marked, and which you ought to try, size, and mark by and according to the Queen's Majesty's Standard of England, remaining in the common hall of this mystery or company for that purpose, or which you shall be required to try, size, and mark by the master and wardens of the said mystery or company, being agreeable to the said standard. And that all lawful weights agreeable unto the said standards you shall mark them with the common, usual, and accustomed mark of the said mystery or company, being the stamp or form of an ewer. And then bring them or cause them to be brought to the Guildhall of this City, to be there sealed if they be avoirdupois weights, or if they be troy weights to the common hall of the Company of Goldsmiths. And all such weights as you shall from time to time find false and not sufficient, the same you shall not seal, but present them to the master and wardens, to the end the same weights may be broken and defaced. And you shall well and justly execute your office in all things which shall appertain thereunto without favour or partiality, lucre or gain, hatred or malice whatsoever.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall be faithful and true to the master, wardens, and commonalty of the mystery of Founders of the City of London whereof you are chosen Clerk. And all the lawful commandments of the master and wardens of the same Company for the time being touching and concerning the affairs and business of this Company, belonging to your office, you shall faithfully do and execute. True entries of all things belonging to your office you shall make without any partiality, favour, or affection, lucre or gain, hatred or malice whatsoever. The lawful secrets and counsels of the master, wardens, and assistants you shall not disclose to the hurt of the company or to the hinderance of justice. You shall not deliver, nor consent, or cause to be delivered any evidences, copies, or writings touching the said mystery without the consent of the said master and wardens, and in all the business and affairs of the company you shall from time to time after your best skill and power be a faithful admonisher and remembrancer. You shall not wittingly and willingly do and commit any act or thing that may be hurtful or prejudicial to the said master, wardens, and commonalty of the said mystery; but you shall honestly, justly, and truly execute your office of clerkship in all things appertaining to the same, as the clerk of the said mystery ought to do so long as you shall continue and be in the said office according to your best skill, power, and ability. And you shall according to the ordinance in that behalf made make a due, true, and plain account of all the goods and things whatsoever belonging to the company which shall come to your hands, custody, or possession within convenient time after you shall be required thereto by your master and wardens for the time being or any two of them, or else submit yourself to the order and judgment of the said master and wardens, and their assistants or the greater part of them touching your pain. And in every other matter, cause, and thing that shall lawfully concern the profit and reputation of the mystery and company of founders you shall carefully bear and endeavour yourself.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

You shall be faithful and true to the master, wardens, and commonalty of the mystery of Founders of the City of London whereof you are chosen Beadle. And all the lawful commands of the said master and wardens of the said mystery for the time being touching or concerning the affairs and business of the company belonging to the office of Beadle you shall diligently and faithfully do and execute. The lawful secrets and counsels of the said master and wardens you shall not disclose to the hurt of the company or to the hinderance of justice. You shall according to the ordinance in that behalf made exhibit and make a due, true, and plain account of all such manner of goods and things whatsoever belonging to the company which shall come to your hands, custody, and possession, within convenient time after you shall be required thereunto by the master and wardens for the time being, or else submit yourself to the order and judgment of the said master, wardens, and

their assistants, or the major part of them, touching your pain. And you shall honestly and truly execute your office of beadle in all things appertaining to the same, as the Beadle of the said mystery ought to do, so long as you shall continue and be in the said office according to your best skill and discretion. And in every matter, cause, or thing that shall lawfully concern the profit and reputation of the master, wardens, and commonalty of the said mystery of founders you shall dutifully and carefully bear and endeavour yourself.

So help you GOD.

FRAMEWORK KNITTERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You do sincerely promise and swear that you will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lord King George, his heirs and successors. You shall be true to the fellowship of Framework Knitters whereunto you are now admitted. You shall not do anything to the disadvantage of the same art or mystery, nor use any fraud in the manufacture of framework knitting. You shall not discover the lawful counsels of this fraternity which you ought to keep secret. You shall be contributory to all manner of charges in and about the public weal of the said society to your power. You shall obey, keep, and perform all the acts and ordinances made and to be made for the good order of the said art and mistery. These points and all other good rules you shall maintain to your power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE DEPUTIES.

You shall swear that you will be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lord King George, and to his heirs and successors, and that during so long time as you shall continue in the place of Deputy to the Masters and Assistants of the company or society of Framework Knitters of the citys of London and Westminster, and the kingdom of England and dominion of Wales you shall well rightfully and faithfully, with diligence, according to your best skill and power, execute the said place of Deputy of the said company or society.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT.

You shall swear that you will be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lord King George, and to his heirs and successors, and that during so long time as you shall continue an Assistant of the company or society of the art or mistery of Framework Knitters of the citys of London and Westminster, and the kingdom of England and dominion of Wales you shall duly and faithfully to your power execute the said place of an Assistant of the said company or society. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A WARDEN.

You shall swear that you will be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lord King George, and to his heirs and successors, and that so long time as you shall continue Warden of the said company or society of the art or mistery of Framework Knitters of the citys of London and Westminster, and the kinddom of England and dominion of Wales you shall well rightly and faithfully to your power execute the said office of Warden of the said company or society.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER.

You shall swear that you will be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lord King George, and to his heirs and successors, and that during so long time as you shall continue Master of the company or society of the art or mistery of Framework Knitters of the citys of London and Westminster, and the kingdom of England and dominion of Wales you shall duly and faithfully to your power execute the said office of Master of the said company or society.

So help you GOD.

Oath taken by the Clerk.

You shall swear you will be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lord King George, and to his heirs and successors, and that so long as you shall continue Clerk of the company or society of Framework Knitters, of the citys of London and Westminster, and the kingdom of England and Wales you shall well faithfully and honestly to your power demean and behave yourself in the execution of the said place of Clerk of the said company or society.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Beadle.

You shall swear that so long time as you shall continue Beadle of the company or society of the art or mistery of Framework Knitters of the citys of London and Westminster, and the kingdom of England and dominion of Wales you shall well, faithfully, and honestly to your power demean and behave yourself in the execution of the said place of Beadle of the said company or society. So help you God.

GIRDLERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, that now is and to be, her heirs and lawful successors, kings or queens of England. You shall be obedient from time to time and at all times in lawful matters to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of this company for the time being, and readily you shall come to them upon a summons of their beadle or other officer (except you shall have a just and lawful excuse to the contrary). All the lawful rules and ordinances of this company, already made or hereafter to be made and lawfully ordained, for the good ordering of the said fellowship you shall to your power well and truly observe and keep, or else you shall pay such penalties as you shall forfeit by your disobedience, according to the said ordinances; and all the lawful counsel of the said fellowship you shall keep secret, and to your power you shall be helping and furthering to the good government and wealth of the said fellowship, and shall not be party or privy in any counsel or devices that may be to the hurt or hindrances of the said company, or the overthrowing and breaking the good laws and ordinances of the same, but all such practices, counsels, and devices you shall disclose to the Master and Wardens of the said company, and them labour to hinder and break so much as in you lieth. So help you God.

Oath taken by an Assistant.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and lawful successors, kings or queens of England. And you shall come at all times when you shall be summoned by the beadle or other officer of the said company unto the Master and Wardens of this society, be it in their common hall or other place, for or about the necessary affairs of this fellowship, unless you shall have a just and reasonable excuse to the contrary, and at all such times when you be present you shall according to your skill and judgment assist the said Master and Wardens with your best advice and council in all things that shall be propounded unto you for the necessary profit and good government of the said society; all the good and lawful rules and ordinances of this company to the best of your skill and power you shall keep and see to be kept. And all debates in courts of Assistants and all other lawful council of the said fellowship you shall keep secret, and all other things that to the duty of an Assistant belongeth you shall do and perform to the best of your power. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Master and Wardens.

You and every of you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and lawful successors, kings or queens of England. And you shall justly and indifferently execute, or cause to be

executed, your offices of Master and Wardens of this fellowship without sparing any person for affection, reward, or promise of reward, or punishing any person for malice or revenge, during the time you shall continue in the same offices. And of all such goods, plate, jewels, and money which by reason of your said offices shall come to any of your hands ye shall make a true and plain account, or else ye shall pay such fines as ye shall forfeit by the lawful ordinances of this fellowship for not doing thereof. And to the best of your skill and power during your said offices you shall endeavour to put in execution all the charters and lawful ordinances of the said company already granted or established, or to be granted and ordained, for the good and welfare of the freeman of this corporation. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and her heirs and lawful successors, kings and queens of England. You shall be obedient in lawful matters unto the Master and Wardens of the same fellowship for the time being, and so from time to time continue. You shall read all the ordinances of this company, or such of them as you shall be commanded by the Master and Wardens for the time being. And you shall make due and true entries as the Master and Wardens shall command you, without sparing any person for affection, or for malice to hurt any person by any manner of entry. You shall not deliver the copies of any books concerning the same fellowship nor of any articles whereby the fellowship may take any hurt, neither shew the same books to any person without the consent of the Master and Wardens for the time being, or some of them. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

You shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and lawful successors, kings or queens of England. You shall be in all lawful manner obedient to the Master and Wardens of this company, and all persons of the said company when you are commanded you shall in due time lawfully summon and warn to the assembly of the same; all the lawful counsel and secretts of this society you shall keepe and not disclose. And all other lawful matters and things appertaining to the office of Beadle of this company so long as you shall remain in the said office you shall well, faithfully, and truly do and perform to the best of your knowledge and power. So help you GOD.

GLAZIERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm, and to be true and just in your trade, art, or calling; you shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company of Glaziers, London, and all the good rules, ordinances, and orders of the said company you shall well and truly observe and keep to your power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY ASSISTANTS.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and successors, king and queens of this realm, and that after the best manner you can you shall justly and indifferently execute or cause to be executed your place or office of Assistant to the Master and Wardens of the Company of Glaziers, London, in every respect you shall diligently and carefully govern, manage, and carry on their affairs, and on all occasions attend the same; during the time you shall continue in, and execute the said place or office you shall conceal their secrets and consult their welfare; you shall to the utmost of your power and ability truly and faithfully observe and keep, and cause to be observed and kept, and put in due execution all the good and lawful ordinances made for the good rule and

government of the said company, without sparing any person or persons for affection, reward, promise of reward, dread, or malice, and you shall duly and well demean yourself in all things incident and belonging to the said place or office. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY MASTERS AND WARDENS.

You and each of you shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm; and that after the best manner you can you shall justly and indifferently execute or cause to be executed your several and respective places or offices of Master and Wardens of the Company of Glaziers, London; in every respect you shall diligently and carefully govern, manage, and carry on their affairs, and on all occasions attend the same during the time you shall continue in and execute the said several and respective places or offices; you shall conceal their secrets and consult their welfare; you shall to the utmost of your power and ability truly and faithfully observe and keep, and cause to be observed and kept, and put in due execution, all the good and lawful ordinances made for the good rule and government of the said company, without sparing any person or persons for affection, reward, promise of reward, dread, or malice; and you shall duly and well demean yourselves in all things incident and belonging to the said several and respective places or offices.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and successors kings and queens of this realm; you shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company of Glaziers, London, for the time being in all their just and lawful commands relating to the concerns of the said company; you shall attend upon them at all their courts, meetings, and assemblies, and make true entries of all such matters and things as they shall command to be entered, without respect to any person or persons for favour, malice, dread, or reward; you shall deliver out no copy or copies of any their ordinances nor shew any book or books belonging to the said company without the consent of the Master and Wardens thereof for the time being; and in all things incident and belonging to the place or office of Clerk to the said company you shall justly and faithfully demean yourself to the utmost of your power and ability. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm, you shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company of Glaziers, London, for the time being in all their just and lawful commands relating to the concerns of the said company; you shall be attendant upon them at all their quarter day courts and other courts, meetings, and assemblies; you shall from time to time, by the command and according to the directions of the Master and Wardens, or any of them, summon and warn the freemen of the said company, and all things incident and belonging to the place or office of Beadle to the said company; you shall well, faithfully, and justly demean and behave yourself. So help you GOD.

GLOVERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her lawful heirs and successors, you shall be obedient to the Master and Wardens of the Company of Glovers of the city of London for the time being, and you shall be ready to come to all lawful meetings upon warning given you by the beadle or otherwise in behalf of the said Master and Wardens (except you have reasonable excuse), you shall observe and keep, and to the best of your power cause

to be observed and kept, all the lawful ordinances and orders made and hereafter to be made for the government and just guiding of the same company; you shall likewise keep all the lawful secrets of the said company and all such things as by way of counsell shall be communicated at any time or times of assembly by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said company at the hall or place of meeting of the affaires of the said company, and not disclose the same to any person or persons whom the same matter may or doth in any way concerne or touch, except to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen when required. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A LIVERYMAN.

Now that you are elected and chosen a Liveryman of the Company of Glovers of the city of London you shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her lawful heirs and successors; you shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said company for the time being; you shall be ready to come and attend the Master, Wardens, and Assistants at the hall or place of meeting with your livery gowne and hood upon every warning given by the beadle or otherwise in the behalf of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants; and not depart without license first had and obtained from them; you shall be obedient to all the lawful ordinances made and hereafter to be made for the government and just guiding of the said company. So help you GOD.

GOLD AND SILVER WIRE-DRAWERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lord the King of this realm; and in all matters and things lawful and reasonable relating to the company of the art and mystery of drawing and flatting of gold and silver wire, and making and spinning of gold and silver thread and stuff in the city of London you shall be obedient to the master, wardens, assistants, and governors of the said company for the time being, and their successors; and readily appear upon all summonses made by their beadle or other officer (except you have a sufficient cause to be absent), or else you shall forthwith pay all such penalties and fines as you shall forfeit according to the ordinances of this company for breaking the same. All the lawful arts, ordinances, and orders made or to be made for the weal, rule, and good government of the said company you shall to your power observe and keep, or else forthwith pay such fines and penalties as you shall according to the said ordinances forfeit by reason of your disobedience or breaking the same. All the lawful secrets of the said trade, art, and mystery you shall conceal and keep, and all lawful councils, consultations, words, matters, and things which you shall at any time hear or know to be spoken or done at any court or other assembly of the said company that doth concern the government of the said company, reformation of abuses, or regulation of refractory or disorderly persons, you shall not divulge, declare, or make known to any person or per ons whatsoever, whereby the good government of the said company, redress of abuses therein, or regulation of their disorderly members may be hindered, prejudiced, or prevented. All this you shall faithfully do and perform to the utmost of your power. So help you GOD.

[Oaths similar in form to the above are also administered to the Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Clerk of the Company.]

GOLDSMITHS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear that you shall be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen Victoria, and true gold and silver without deceit you shall work, and do to be wrought, so that the gold and silver that you shall work, or

cause to be wrought, be as good as one of the standards appointed for wrought plate; and you shall set no glasses nor counterfeit stones in gold, nor work latten nor copper, whereby the Queen's people might be deceived; nor no deceit known to be done in anything that belongeth to the craft of goldsmiths, but that you anon warn the Wardens, for the amendments of the same; and all the good ordinances of the same craft you shall keep; and as a true honest man you shall behave you to the Wardens, and all the fellowship; and you shall come and be obedient to the Wardens when you be summoned, without you have reasonable excuse; and the quarterage, yearly, with all other charges that you be set to, as other of the craft do, you shall pay and bear. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE WARDENS.

Ye shall severally swear that ye shall be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen Victoria; and true assay ye shall make or do to be made of gold and silver and no thing of gold and silver ye shall touch or do to be touched but it be good and lawful, sparing no man for favour or love, nor no man greve for hate; and the good ordinances of the craft ye shall keep and maintain to your power, and well and honestly entreat your fellowship; and ye shall justly and indifferently order the causes of your company according to right and conscience and no singular profit to your own persons do nor take wherethro' the coming profit of your company shall or may be hurted and damaged, nor any man receive or admit into the company without their assent. So help you GOD.

GROCERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear to be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and be obedient to the Wardens of the company in all lawful manner; you shall also keep secret all the lawful councils of this fellowship, and all manner of lawful rules, impositions, and ordinances that be made or hereafter shall be made and lawfully ordained for the ordering of the said fellowship you shall truly obey to your power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT.

You shall swear to be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and you shall come at all times when you shall be summoned in the name of the said Wardens to the hall of the said Company of Grocers, London, except you shall have just and reasonable excuse to the contrary; and at all times when you shall be present you shall, according to your skill and judgment, assist the said Wardens with your best advice and counsel in all things that shall be propounded unto you for the welfare, profit, and good government of the said fellowship; and the good and lawful orders and ordinances of this company, to the best of your skill and powers, you shall keep and see to be kept; and all debates in Court of Assistants, and all other lawful counsel of the said fellowship you shall keep secret; and all other things that to the duty of an Assistant belongeth to you shall do and perform to the best of your skill and power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE WARDENS.

You shall swear to be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and you shall justly and indifferently execute your offices of Wardens of this fellowship, without sparing any person for affection, reward, or promise of reward, or punishing any person for malice or revenge during the time you shall continue in the said office; and in all things relating to the Company of Grocers shall truly and faithfully endeavour to promote the good of the fellowship according to your power. So help you GOD.

GUNMAKERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors, and at all times obedient to the Master and Wardens of this fellowship and society, and their successors after them, in all honest and lawful things touching the affairs and business of this fellowship; you shall be ready at all manner of summons, and bear scot and lot in all manner of reasonable contributions of and to this Fellowship and Company of the Gunmakers of the city of London; you shall, to the best of your skill, power, and ability, uphold and maintain the weal of this company; you shall not know or suspect any manner of meetings, conspiracies, plot, or devices against the King's Majesty, his heirs or successors, or the Government, but you shall the same to the uttermost of your power let and hinder and speedily disclose to the Master or one of the Wardens of this society; and this city of London and Fellowship of Gunmakers you shall keep harmless as much as in you lies; also you shall be ready at all times to be at the quarter days and every other assembly, matter, or cause that you shall be warned or called unto for the affairs of this fellowship, unless you shall have lawful and reasonable excuse in that behalf; and all the ordinances of this fellowship or society ratified according to the laws of this realm, or otherwise lawful for this fellowship or society to make and ordain, you shall to the uttermost of your power well and truly submit yourself unto and keep.

Oath taken by a Liveryman.

You shall swear to be true our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors; and that you shall perform and obey all that to you appertaineth to be done by the true meaning of the book of ordinances of this society being honest for you to perform, and approved or warranted by the laws of this realm.

Oath taken by the Assistants.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors; you shall assist the Master and Wardens of this Fellowship of Gunmakers of the city of London for the time being in their oversight, rule, and government of the said fellowship, and in all matters and things belonging to their said art, so long as you shall continue one of the Assistants, with your best and soundest advice, and endeavour yourselves to the uttermost of your skill and knowledge justly and indifferently to execute your said place and office in every respect, and to put in due execution all the good and lawful ordinances of this society in the charter or books of ordinances expressed and contained, or which shall be expressed or contained, without punishment or assessing any person for envy, hatred, or malice, or sparing any person for love, dread, favour, or affection, for hope or promise of reward. All the lawful counsel of the said company as at any time of assemblies shall be lawful in communication amongst the said company at their usual places of meeting, you shall keep secret, and not disclose the same to any person of the said society or other, especially not to any person whom the same matters may any way concern or touch; and all other things becoming an Assistant of this company you shall faithfully and diligently give yourself as much as in you is to do and perform.

Oath taken by the Master and Wardens.

You shall swear that you shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, and to his heirs and successors; you shall endeavour yourself, the best you can, whilst you continue in the office whereunto you are now chosen, justly and indifferently to execute and cause to be executed your office in every respect, and to put in due execution all the good and lawful laws and ordinances in the book of ordinances expressed and contained, without assessing or punishing any person for reward, meed, dread, favour, or affection; and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, sums of money, or any other thing or things what-

soever, that by reason of your said office shall come to your hands, charge, or custody, you shall, according to the ordinances made touching the same, yield and make a good, true, and plain account within a convenient time after you shall be thereunto required by the Master and Wardens of this company and fellowship for the time being, or else you shall pay your fines according to the said ordinances.

Oath taken by Proof Master and Assistants in View and Proof.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors, and that you shall from time to time diligently, carefully, and duly assist the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Society of Gunmakers of the city of London, or any two or more of them, in the searching, viewing, gaging, proving, making, trial, marking, and stamping of all manner of hand guns whatsoever, greater or smaller, and the barrels, locks, stocks, or other parts thereof, when and as often as you shall be thereunto called or required, having no lawful let or leave to the contrary; and you shall from time to time duly and faithfully view, gage, try, and stamp all manner of the same hand guns which shall be from time to time by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or any two or more of them, or any one of them, with one or both of you upon search or otherwise found unproved, and which shall be from time to time brought to the common proving place or places appointed by the said company for proving thereof, which proof and trial you shall make in such manner and form as by the letters patent of incorporation of this society, and by the laws and ordinances thereof is and are set down and appointed, or to be set down and appointed, without partiality shewing or favour. You shall mark or stamp no manner of hand guns or parts thereof, but only such as upon view, search, gage, trial, and proof shall be found sufficient, serviceable, and made of good materials. You shall not wilfully defer or delay the viewing, gaging, proving, and stamping of the same guns, whereby any person may be prejudiced or damnified. And you shall not for lucre, meed, favour, or other means prove the guns of any person not being admitted and allowed a freeman or free brother of the said society, nor of any such freeman or free brother until such time as you shall receive an order or other allowance from the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or any two or more of them (whereof the Master or one of the Wardens for the time being to be one), for doing thereof; and you shall not at any time prove the guns or barrels of guns by you to be made or wrought, but in presence and upon view of one or more of the said Master, Wardens, or Assistants. And you shall, once in every month at least, give and deliver to the said Master or one of the Wardens (for the time being) a true and perfect account in writing of all manner of guns and barrels of guns by you viewed and proved as aforesaid; and you shall from time to time be subject and obedient to the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and to such orders, rules, and directions as shall be by them or the major part of them from time to time, set, limited, and appointed touching the due and faithful viewing, gaging, trying, marking, and stamping of all manner of the said hand guns, and such other matters and things as shall belong to your said office; and in all other things as a faithful Proof Master and Assistant to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants in their view and proof aforesaid, you shall well and honestly use and behave yourself.

Oath taken by an Auditor.

You shall faithfully and to the best of your skill and knowledge hear and examine all such accounts and reckonings which by such person or persons shall be made or effected in anywise touching or concerning the affairs of the fellowship or company, and the same accounts or reckonings so by you heard and examined shall deliver up in writing under your hands to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of this society or fellowship for the time being upon reasonable request to you made, and at such time as the Master and Wardens for the time being shall appoint, with your allowance and disallowance of the

said account; you shall not allow anything for love or favour, nor disallow anything for hatred or malice, but shall justly and indifferently hear and examine the same accounts to the best of your judgment and understanding.

Oath taken by the Clerk.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors, and to the Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of this society, and all the commandments of the said Master and Wardens of the said fellowship, being lawful and honest, and touching or concerning the affairs and business of this fellowship belonging to your office to your power willingly you shall do and execute; true entries of all things belonging to your office you shall make, without any partiality, favour, or affection, lucre, or gain, envy, hatred, or malice whatsoever. You shall not wittingly or willingly do and commit anything which may be hurtful or prejudicial to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, but shall honestly, justly, and truly execute your office of Clerkship of this society in all things appertaining to the same as the Clerk of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of this society ought to do so long as you shall continue and be in the same office according to your best skill, power, and ability without any partiality.

Oath taken by the Beadle.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors, and obedient shall be to the Master and Wardens of this fellowship for the time being as the Beadle of the same society; you shall summon all and every such person and persons as the said Master and Wardens, or any of them, at any time shall command to be summoned, according to the ordinances in that case made or to be made, not sparing any person for favour, lucre, meed, or other cause; you shall not wittingly or willingly do anything to the damage or rebuke of the said Master, Wardens, or Society, but always give yourself (to the utmost of your power) at all times to do and execute all their lawful commands belonging to your said office of Beadle, also all the lawful counsel and communication had in any Court of Assistants you shall keep secret and not disclose the same, especially to such person as the same matter may concern; and in all things touching your said office of Beadle you shall well and honestly use and behave you.

HABERDASHERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty's that now is, and to heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm; and the Master and Wardens of the Fraternity of the art or mystery of Haberdashers for the time being, and their successors, Masters and Wardens of the said fraternity, in all things lawful and reasonable you shall obey; and all manner of summons assigned by the said Master and Wardens, and all ordinances made, and to be made by the said Master and Wardens of the said fraternity, for the time being for or concerning the weal, well-ordering, rule, and government of the said fraternity you shall observe and keep to your power. And all lawful secrets and counsels of the said fraternity you shall conceal and keep.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Wardens.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and successors, king and queens of this realm. You shall be faithful and true unto this fraternity whereof you are now Wardens, and well, truly, and indifferently, to the best of your power and skill, govern all the members of the same for the time of your wardenships. You shall observe, keep, maintain, and put in due execution all the good and lawful acts and ordinances of the said fraternity; and the breakers of the same you shall (as justly you may) correct and punish, with the advice of the Master and

Assistants of the said fraternity for the time, being according to the quantity and quality of his and their several offences. And the fines and penalties imposed upon such breakers you shall do your best endeavour to be duly levied and raised. You shall truly and indifferently to the best of your wisdom and discretion examine, hear, and determine all differences that shall be brought before you, either between master and servant or others, without partiality, favour, fear, or affection. You shall cause all the rents, revenues, and profits due to the said fraternity which you respectively shall receive in the time of your wardenships, together with all your payments for or on behalf of the said fraternity, to be truly written and a true account thereof you respectively shall give and deliver to your next successors, Wardens of the said fraternity, upon the day that shall be appointed for the delivery of said accounts. And all other things belonging to your said office you shall duly do and perform according to your wisdoms and discretions. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm. You shall be good and true unto the fraternity of Haberdashers (whereof you be now Master) and shall truly and indifferently govern all the brethren and others of the said fraternity for your time to the best of your power and skill. You shall keep, maintain, and put in due execution all the good and lawful acts and ordinances of the said fraternity, and all the breakers of the same you shall (as far as justly you may) correct and punish, with the advice of the Wardens and Assistants of the said fraternity for the time being, according to the quality and quantity of his and their several offences. And the fines and penalties imposed or ordained upon such the breakers thereof you shall do your best endeavours to be duly levyed and raised, and all other things that to your office as Master of the said fraternity belongeth you shall duly do and perform to the best of your wisdom and discretion. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall swear that you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm. You shall be a true brother to this fraternity of Haberdashers, whereof you are now chosen Clerk. You shall give your attendance upon the Master, Wardens and Assistants at all courts and public meetings for the weale, service, and business of this company. You shall not discover the lawful counsel of the said fraternity which you shall have knowledge of, and which should be kept secret within yourself. You shall not write or deliver any act or ordinance or other precedent made within this mystery for the good regimen and profit of the same to any person of another mystery within this city, or without, unless it be with the licence, will, and consent of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being, or the greater part of them, nor no manner of writings, books, escripts, scrowles, nor evidences embeazle. You shall give your best counsel and advice unto the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being, in all things concerning the common weal and profit of this fraternity. You shall diligently and truly inform the Master and Wardens for the time being, of all manner of ordinances, constitutions and statutes made in this fraternity and mystery, as far forth as you shall have knowledge thereof at all times needful and behoof full, that the said Master and Wardens run not into errors through your silence and negligence. You shall duly and carefully register all orders made from time to time by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants at assemblys and meetings by them to be holden, and you shall behave yourself well and truly to the said company in all things relating to your said place and office. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

You shall swear that you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen that now is, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm. You shall be a true brother to this fraternity of Haberdashers, whereof you

are now admitted Beadle. You shall be obedient and dutiful to the Master and Wardens for the time being, you shall know no foreigner to occupy within this mystery contrary to the ordinances thereof made, but that you shall show the names of them so soon as you have knowledge thereof to the Master and Wardens for time being; you shall faithfully and diligently execute the office of Beadle of this company whereto you are now admitted. You shall from time to time attend the Wardens upon all businesses that any way concern the said fraternity. You shall go upon all needful errands as you shall be appointed by the Master and Wardens, or any of them, or by the Clerk of this company for the time being, in the name or by the direction of the of the said Master and Wardens. You shall make and do all such manner of summonses and warnings within the said fraternity or mystery. You shall be ready to make all manner of distresses, and to levy all manner of fines, debts, amerciaments and all other duties belonging to the said fraternity which are or shall be assigned you to make, gather, or receive; and the same, gotten, gathered, or received, you shall make thereof a true account and payment unto the said Master and Wardens for the time being, or one of them, and in all other business that belongs to your office of Beadle you shall behave yourself to the credit of this fraternity to the utmost of your power. So help you GOD.

INNHOLDERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY AN HOSTLER.

You shall bee true and faithfull to our Soveraigne Lord the Kinge that now is, and to his heires and successors, kinges and queens of England. You shall bee obedient lawfully to the master and wardens of this sociétie for the time beinge in all such thinges as concern the good government of the said societie. And if your master with whom you serve use any subtiltie or crafty demeanure in his weights, hostries, measures, or lodgeings, or double hostries contrary to the orders of this societe, you shall, at the request of the master and wardens of this societie for the time being, utter and shew the same to them. And moreover if you have knowledge and intelligence of any felons, murtherers, or other suspicious persons resortinge to your master's house, or to the houses of any other of the said society, you shall, with all dilligence, disclose and shew the same unto your owne master, or else unto the master and wardens of the Societie of Inholdes for the time beinge. You shall not wittingly or willingly receive, harbour, or cherish any thiefe, robber, or other suspicious persons. You shall not bee of councell with any thiefe, robber, or other persons for the settinge of any robbery, or doeinge of any violence, thefte, or fraud to any person, nor shall know the like intended by any without discloseinge the same, either to your own master with whom you serve or to the master and wardens for the time beinge of inholders, to the intent it may bee discovered to some magistrate. Soe help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A MEMBER OF THE COMMONALTY.

You shall bee true and faithfull to our Soveraigne Lord the Kinge's Majestie that now is, and to his heires and successors, kinges and queens of England. Yee shall bee obedient lawfully to the master and wardens of your societie for the time beinge in all such thinges as shall concerne the good and benefit of the said societie. And yee shall to your power duely and truely observe and keepe and obey all the lawfull and reasonable acts, ordinances, statutes, and articles made and authorized for the good rule of the said society, according to to the true intent thereof, or else yee shall pay such penalties and amerciaments as be assesssed and appointed by your ordinances to be paid to the use of the said societie. And moreover you shall shew to the master and wardens of your societie for the time beinge all such felons and other suspicious persons as from time to time shall resort to your house, or to the houses of any of your societie, as neere as yee can certeinely know or whereof you shall be certeinely or credibly informed by any of your servants or any other person whatsoever, to the intent it may bee shewed to the Kinge and his Councell or some other magistrate. Soe help you GOD, and by the holy contents of the Booke.

Oath taken by an Assistant.

You shall well and truly execute the office and place of an Assistant of this company. And you shall well and truly, after your discrecons and wisdomes, councell and advise the said society for the perfect weale and good rule of the same according to the best of your knowledge. Soe help you God.

Oath taken by the Master and Wardens.

Yee shall bee true and faithfull to our Soveraigne Lord the Kinge, and to his heires and successors, kinges and queenes of England. And well and truly after your discrecons and wisdome yee shall councell and advise the Societe of Inholders for the perfect weale and good rule of the same societe. And all the good rules, acts, orders, and ordinances of the said societe yee shall, as well as in you lyeth, observe, and cause to be observed and kept, or else you shall doe your uttmost endeavour to levy all such penalties and sumes of money as are imposed, or sett upon those that doe breake the same. And all the defaults that yee from time to time shall know or find touchinge the same societe yee shall shew and disclose the same at times and place most convenient for the good of the same fellowship as neere as you can, not accuseinge or condemninge any man for malice, dread, reward, or hate, nor spareinge any man for meede, dread, reward, or promise of reward, neither for love or affecon of any person; but that for the time yee shall bee in the same office yee, after your discrecon, shall justly and discreetly behave you. And moreover you shall disclose and shew unto some magistrate, as neere as you can certeinly know, the names of such dangerous and suspicious persons as resorte to your houses, or to the houses of any of you, or to the houses of any of your societie as neere as yee shall know; and of all such sume and sumes of money, jewells, plate, or other thinges as yee or any of you, or any for you, shall receive to the use of the same societie by meanes of your office, or otherwise to the use of the same societie you shall justly answer, pay, and accompt for the same to the use of the same societie. Soe help you God.

Oath taken by the Clerk.

You shall bee true and faithfull to our Soveraigne Lord the King that now is, and to his heirs and successors, kinges and queens of England. You shall bee lawfully obedient to the master and wardens of the same societie for the time beinge in all thinges touchinge the good governement of the said societie; and from time to time, as shall be thought convenient and meete by the masters and wardens of the same societie, in the assemblies of the same societie, yee shall read all the ordinances of the said societie, or see many of them as shall k bee by them appointed to be read; and make due and true entries as the said ormaster and wardens shall command you of their orders, acts, and ordinances, prvithout spareinge any man for affecon, or hurteing any manner of person by untrue entries. You shall not deliver the copy of any bookes concerneinge A the same societe, nor of any articles whereby the said societie may take any of hurt; neither shew the same bookes to any person without the comandements, r assent, or agreement of the said master and wardens for the time being.
Soe help you God.

Oath taken by the Beadle.

You shall bee true and faithfull to our Soveraigne Lord the Kinge that now is, and to his heires and successors, kinges and queenes of England. You shall duely and truely sumon all and every such persons and persons as the master and wardens of the Societie of Inholders, or any of them, shall comand to bee sumoned accordinge to the ordinances in that case made and provided, without spareinge of any person for favour affecon, lucre, gain, hatred or malice; you shall endeavour yourself, as neere as you can, at all times to doe and execute the lawfull comandes of the master, wardens, and societie belonginge to your office. You shall not wittingly or willingly comitt or doe anythinge to the prejudice, damage, hurt or rebuke of the said master, wardens, and societie, but diligently, well, and truly you shall execute your office soe neere as you can as a good Bedell ought to doe. Soe help you God.

IRONMONGERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear that you will be true to our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. You shall be obedient to the Master and Wardens of the art and mystery of Ironmongers now being, and to their successors. You shall also become contributory to all manner of summons, contributions, costs, and payments that ought to be borne and paid by the aforesaid fellowship as others of the same fellowship to your power. The lawful council of the fellowship you shall keep; you shall not change the copy of your freedom, but chiefly hold of this fellowship. All manner of acts, statutes, rules and ordinances, now made or hereafter to be made, and standing in force concerning the good government and order of this fellowship, you shall on your part, maintain, support and fulfil to your power and knowledge, or else shall pay such fines, pains, penalties, and mulcts, being accused, condemned, and orderly demanded, as for the offenders and violaters of the same are or shall be ordained, provided, and established to be paid. So help you God.

Oath taken by a Liveryman.

You shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, that now is, and to her heirs and successors, kings or queens of this realm. And that you shall, according to your best skill and judgment, with your advice or otherwise, well and truly assist the Master and Wardens of this company when there shall be occasion; and the good rules and ordinances of this company you shall keep and see to be keep, to the best of your power.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Warden of the Yeomanry.

You swear well and truly to exercise and execute the office of Warden of the Yeomanry of this company to the most profit and benefit of the same company for and in your time, to your power. You shall not arrear any new custom, nor bind the said yeomanry to any new charges other than is set down in the orders in that behalf made, nor yet discharge any duty to their hurt, nor to your power infringe or break any of the good orders, old customs, or acts made or to be made for the better rule and government of the yeomanry.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Wardens.

Ye shall swear that ye shall well and truly occupy the office of Wardenship for and in the craft of Ironmongers to their most worship and profit, for and in your time, to your power; ye shall arrear no new custom, nor bind the commonalty of the said craft to any new charges, nor yet discharge any duty to their hurt; nor ye shall not lay down any of their good old customs or acts written, without the assent of the said commonalty, or of the certain number of them accustomed; and, at the end of the year ye shall, by the advice of the said commonalty, choose new Master and Wardens, and discharge yourselves of the said office, upon pain of each of you to lose and pay to the said commonalty forty shillings, without special dispensation had of the said fellowship. Ye shall also to the new Wardens, and to the commonalty, or such Auditors of the said fellowship as they shall assign, within a month after ye be discharged, make a just and true account of all such goods as shall come to your hands, or of right might come to your hands, in your time, to the behoof of the said commonalty; and all such goods as by the Auditors shall be found in you ye shall forthwith deliver them to the new Wardens; all which points ye shall well and truly keep to your power.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Master.

You swear that you shall well and truly exercise and execute the office of Master, of the mystery or art of Ironmongers, London, to their most worship and profit for the year to come. You shall be aiding and assisting to the Wardons of this mystery in and about the execution of all and every the good orders and customs of this mystery. You shall arrear no new custom, nor bind the commonalty to any new charges, nor yet discharge any duty to their hurt; and, at the end of the year, you shall choose a new Master of this company, such as at a court shall be elected according to the old custom.

So help you God.

JOINERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You do sincerely promise and swear that you will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lady Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and to Her heirs and successors, Kings of England, the Queen's peace you shall keep to your power. To the master and wardens of your company, for the time being, you shall be obedient and ready to come to their lawful summons, or you shall pay such penalties as you shall forfeit by your so disobeying, according to the ordinances of your fellowship; which ordinances, and every of them, to your power, you shall observe and keep. So help you God and the holy contents of that book.

God save the Queen.

LORINERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of Great Britain. You shall be obedient from time to time in all matters lawful to the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Company of Loriners, London, for the time being, and be ready to come at their lawful summons (except your have a lawful excuse), or else you shall pay such penalties as you shall forfeit by your disobeying, according to the lawful ordinances of the said company, which ordinances and every of them to your power you shall observe and keep. All the lawful counsel of the said company (as at any time of assembly that shall be lawful in communication amongst the said company at their meeting place,) ye shall keep secret, and not disclose the same to any person of the said company, nor to any others, and especially not to any such person whom the same matter may concern or touch. So help you God.

MASONS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Free Mason.

You shall swear to be true to the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors; and that you will at all times be obedient to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the company of Masons, London, and their successors, in all lawful things touching the businesses and affairs of the said company. You shall bear scot and lot in all manner of rates and contributions which shall be imposed on the same company according to your ability. You shall be and appear at the hall or other place of meeting of the said company when you shall be lawfully summoned by the beadle or other officers of the said company by order of the said Masters and Wardens. You shall not know or support any manner of meetings, conspiracies, or plots against the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors, or the government of the said company, but you shall the same to the utmost of your power let and hinder and speedily disclose to the said Master or one of the Wardens for the time being. And all the orders of the said company ratified and made according to the laws of this realm, or otherwise

lawful for the said company to make and ordain, you shall on your part well and truly submit yourself unto. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A LIVERYMAN.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors, and that you shall perform and obey all that to you appertaineth to be done by the orders of the said Company of Masons being honest for you to perform and obey, and warranted by the laws of this realm and the laudable customs of the city of London. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors. You shall endeavour yourself so far forth as you lawfully may to the best of your skill and discretion, as well for and concerning the giving and using your faithful advice and counsel to the Master and Wardens of the said art or mystery of Masons, London, from time to time being, for the more better execution of the said offices. And also to give and use your faithful aid and assistance in every respect, as much as in you lieth and lawfully may do, for the due observation of the good and lawful orders made or to be made for the good government of the said company, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, without sparing or impeaching any person or persons whomsoever for affection or malice or for or in respect of reward, meed, dread, favour, or promise of reward during the time you shall be Assistant of the said Company of Masons of the said city of London. And the lawful secrets and counsels of the said Master and Wardens and your fellow Assistants, which shall be debated in private at and in the Courts of Assistants, you shall keep secret, and not disclose the same out of court or otherwise to any person or persons whomsoever, especially to such person or persons whom the same shall in anywise touch or concern. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE WARDENS.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors; and you shall endeavour yourself the best you can justly, lawfully, and indifferently to execute and cause to be executed your office of Warden of the Company of Masons in every respect so far forth as you lawfully may, and in like manner shall observe and keep, and cause to be observed and kept, all the good and lawful orders made for the well government of the said company, without sparing any person for affection, reward, meed, dread, or promise of reward during the time you shall be in the said office of Warden of the said company. And all and every such goods, plate, jewels, sums of money, or any other thing or things which by occasion of your said office shall come to your hands or possession you shall, according to the orders made by the said company touching the same, make a good, true, perfect, and plain account in writing, fairly written, or else shall pay such fines as you shall be ordered to pay by the orders of the said company for your not so doing. You shall not for malice, love, or affection assess any person in a greater or less sum than after the quantity and quality of his offence according to the best of your discretion and according to the orders of the said company.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTERS.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors; and you shall endeavour to the utmost of your power justly and indifferently to execute and cause to be executed the office of Master of this company in every respect, so far forth as you lawfully may, and in like manner shall observe and keep and cause to be observed and kept all the good and lawful ordinances of the said company, without sparing any person for affection, reward, meed, dread, favour, promise, or hope of reward, during the time you shall remain in the said office of Master. And of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, or money, or other thing or things which by reason of your said office shall come to your hands or possession you shall, according

to the order framed for the good government of the said society, whereof you are Master, make a good, true, and plain account, or else shall pay such fines as you shall be ordered to pay by the said orders of the said society of masons for your not so doing. You shall not for malice, nor for love or affection, assess any person or persons in a greater or less sum than after the quantity and quality of the offence to the best of your discretion and according to the orders of this company. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors. You shall be obedient to the Master and Wardens of the art or mystery of Masons for the time being. Yourself or your lawful deputy shall read all the orders of this company on every of the four quarterly court days to be holden and kept by the Master and Wardens of the company, if you shall be thereunto required by the said Master and Wardens. You shall make due and true entries in the book of entrance and remembrance of the said company of the Master and Wardens shall command you without sparing any person for affection, lucre, or malice ; you shall not deliver the copies of any of the charters of any of the said company of any of the books or orders of the said company without the consent of the said Master or Wardens, or one of them ; the lawful councils or debates of the said Master and Wardens and of the Assistants, which shall at any time or times hereafter be by them in their Courts of Assistants debated, you shall keep secret, and not disclose the same to any person or persons whatsoever, especially to the person whom the same matter doth in anywise touch or concern. And you shall use demean and behave yourself honestly and justly in the office of Clerk of the said company as you shall remain in the same office. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

Now that you are elected and chosen to be the Beadle to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company of Masons of the city of London, you shall, so long as you continue their beadle, summons all and every such person and persons as the said Master and Wardens, or any of them, shall command to be summoned, according to the orders of the said company in that case made and provided, without sparing any person for favour or affection, lucre of gain, hatred or malice. You shall endeavour yourself as near as you can at all times to do and execute your office as a good and honest servant of the said company ought to do. So help you GOD.

MERCERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You swear that you shall be true unto our Sovereign Queen Victoria. You shall also be obedient and ready to come at all lawful summonses and warnings of the wardens of the mercery, when and as often as you be duly monished and warned by them, or by any of them, by their clerk, or by any other in their name (lawful excuse always except). All lawful ordinances and rules by the fellowship of the mercery ordained, made, and established, and hereafter for the weal, worship, and profit of the said fellowship to be made, you shall hold and keep; all lawful communications, necessary ordinances, and counsels, for the welfare of the said fellowship, and the secrets thereof to you shewed, you shall keep secret, and hold for counsel, and them, nor any of them to discover, or shew by any means or colour unto any person or persons of any other fellowship. You shall also be contributary to all charges to you put by the wardens and fellowship, and to bear and pay your part of charge set for your degree, like as other of the same fellowship shall do for their degree : You shall not take or have any apprentice, or any so for to occupy, until that he be by you unto one of the said wardens for apprentice first presented, and by the said wardens so admitted. All such points, and every of them to your power, well and truly you shall hold and keep. So help you GOD.

Oath taken by the Master and Wardens.

You swear that you shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and you shall be true unto the fellowship of the mystery of the mercers of the City of London, of whom you be now chosen master warden [*or* wardens]; and well and truly and indifferently rule and govern all persons free of the said fellowship and mystery, and all other that be or shall be under the obeyance of the same, during the time that you shall be master warden [*or* warden], and execute equal justice to every person where your power may lawfully be extended, without favour more to one than to another. The common business of the same fellowship or mystery you shall duly apply to your power, the ordinances that be made, or shall be made by the common assent, and for the common profit; you shall tender, approve, and equally execute, where and when always as cause and time shall require, inasmuch as you can or may lawfully do; and nothing you shall do that may turn to the decrease of the common profit; and all manner of fines, amerciaments, and other duties, which be due to the common box by the offenders and breakers of the said ordinance, so coming to your hands, you shall truly and diligently cause to be levied and received; and of the same truly so to yield your accompt at such time as is ordained for the master warden and wardens of the said fellowship to yield up their accompts; and all other things to your office of master warden [*or* wardenship] appertaining or belonging, justly and truly you shall do and perform, inasmuch as in you is. So help you God.

NEEDLEMAKERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, and to be just, true, and faithful in your art, trade, or calling. You shall at all times hereafter be obedient to the lawful commands of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of this your company. You shall not neglect or disobey the lawful summons of the said Master and Wardens, and their succesors, which shall from time to time be given, or left in writing for you, without you have a reasonable and lawful cause and excuse. And for your own part you shall well and truly observe, perform, and keep all and every the good, lawful, and wholesome rules, orders, ordinances, and constitutions made or to be made, for the rule and government of this your company. In these and in all things you shall well and honestly demean and behave yourself to your uttermost power, and so far as God shall give you grace. So help you God.

Oath taken by an Assistant.

You shall swear that you shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second, his heirs and successors, and that so long as you continue an Assistant you shall be diligent in your office, and be ready to assist the Master and Wardens when and as often as you shall be called or warned thereunto, having no lawful let or lease to the contrary. All the lawful acts, counsells, and consultations which touch or concern the good benefit or advantage of the said society of the Needlemakers in any of your courts had, done, treated, or consulted of, you shall not reveal to any person or persons whatsoever, other than to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants not then present, and shall endeavour yourself as near as you can with all indifference to your soundest and best advice, counsell, and opinion to the Master and Wardens in all such things as they shall lawfully require, your advice, counsell, and opinion in touching the said society, or the art or mystery of a needlemaker, or touching any the orders and ordinances made, or to be made, concerning the said art, or any person or persons using the same within the city of London and ten miles thereof; you shall not, in giving or declaring your advice, counsel, or opinion, spare any person or persons for favor, affection, meed, dread, malice, reward or promise of reward, or assess any person or persons for any hatred or malice, but shall, uprightly, justly, honestly, and

faithfully behave and demean yourself in the said office, or place of an Assistant, according to truth and justice, as near as you can. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER AND WARDENS.

You, and every of you, shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second, his heirs and successors; and so long as you continue in your several and respective offices shall endeavour, after the best manner you can, justly, truly, faithfully, and diligently to execute your said offices, and that with indifference in every respect; also, to your uttermost powers, you shall endeavour from time to time, to put in execution all the good and lawful orders and ordinances made or to be made for the weal and good government of the said society, without sparing of any person or persons for favor, affection, need, dread, malice, reward, or promise of reward during the time you shall continue in and execute your said respective offices; and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, money, household stuff, and other things, that by reason of your said offices shall come to your or any of your hands, custodies, or possessions, you shall make a true, plain, perfect, and just account, without any fraud or deceit, and the same money, goods, or other things which shall be in your or any of your hands or custodys at the expiration of the time of your several offices, you shall pay and deliver to the Master and Wardens, and the greater part of the Assistants of the said society for the time being.

PAINTERS' (OTHERWISE PAINTER STAINERS') COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You do swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen now being, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of England after her; and to the art and mystery of Painters, otherwise Painter Stainers; you shall be obedient to all manner of summonses whensoever you shall be warned by the beadle or any other person or persons thereunto lawfully appointed by the Master and Wardens for the time being, and pay all duties as becomes a freeman of the said art and mystery to do. If you know any evil or hurt to the said company or mystery, of to the Master and Wardens of the same, to be done, or intended, the same you shall hinder according to your power, or give them notice thereof. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER AND WARDENS.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of England; and you shall, after the best manner you can, justly and indifferently execute or cause to be executed, your office in every respect without sparing of any person or persons for affection, reward, meed, dread malice, or promise of reward during the time you shall execute and continue in the same office of your mastership; and of all and every such goods, jewels, plate, sums of money, deeds, gifts, grants, commodities, or of any other thing or things whatsoever, that by reason of your said office shall come to your hands, you shall according to all the ordinances in this book specified, make a good, true, and plain account, and shall deliver all the said goods, deeds, gifts, and other things whatsoever aforesaid to the safe keeping and custody of the Master and Assistants for the time being at the common hall aforesaid at the time appointed, or else to pay such fines as you shall be ordered to pay by them for your not so doing. You shall not for malice, love or affection assess any person or persons in greater or lesser sum than after the quantity or qualities of his or their offence or offences, after your discretion, and according to the said ordinances herein mentioned.

So help you GOD and by the contents of this Book.

PARISH CLERKS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear that you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen that now is, and to her heirs and successors, kings of England; you shall be in all lawful things and causes obedient to the Master and Wardens of this company and fellowship of the Parish Clerks of the city of London, &c., and to be under the government and order that now is, or hereafter shall be, belonging to the said company and fellowship; you shall at all times, unless you be let by sickness or other just cause, come to the Master and Wardens to all assemblies for the necessary use, commodity, and profit of the said company and fellowship, so often as you shall be by them or their common officer warned thereunto. And upon reasonable request to pay and bear your part of all manner of charges belonging to the said company and fellowship, as all other parish clerks and brethren of this company do or ought to do. You shall know no conventicles nor assemblies, nor any deed done that may be harmful to the said company, but you shall give warning to the said Master and Wardens thereof, or to some of them, and to let the same as much as in you lieth; and in your own person to do the best always that in you lieth, and you lawfully may, for the benefit and profit of this company. All this you shall do and observe. So help you God in Jesus Christ.

Oath taken by an Assistant.

Forasmuch as you A.B. are chosen to be an Assistant of the Company of Parish Clerks, you shall swear well and faithfully to assist with good and wholesome counsel the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said company so long as you shall be or remain in your said office; you shall not do nor consent to be done any manner of falsehood, nor discover or disclose any secret to the prejudice of the company, but shall keep the counsel of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said company or fellowships, so long as the same is not repugnant to the laws of this realm; and shall also well and duly behave yourself in your said office for the good and common profit of the said company so long as you do remain therein. So God you help.

Oath taken by the Wardens.

Forasmuch as you A. B. and C. D. are chosen to be Wardens of the Company of Parish Clerks, your office is to the rents and profits of or belonging to the said company, as much as in you lieth to collect and gather and truly to account for the same. Therefore ye shall swear, without fraud or covin, to bring in particular and true account and accounts of all such sum and sums of money and other things that shall come to your hands, belonging or appertaining to the said company and fellowship, four times in the year, and thereof make deliverance to the Master and Auditors for the time being, according to the ordinances established or to be established for the said company; and shall also well and truly behave yourselves in your said offices so long as you do remain therein. So God you help.

Oath taken by the Master.

Forasmuch as you A.B. are chosen to be Master of this Company of Parish Clerks for one whole year, you shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors, and that in and during that time you shall well and faithfully, to your power, execute and perform the said office of Master, for the good government and common profit of the said company in and by all things as you ought to do, according to the ordinances established or to be established for the same, which ordinances you shall, as much as in you lieth, see to be performed and put in execution. You shall make no bargain nor contract for anything to the said company belonging to the value of forty shillings and upwards without the consent of the Wardens and Assistants, or the greater part of them. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Clerk.

You shall swear you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen that now is, and to her heirs and successors, kings of England. Obeisant and obedient you shall be in all lawful things and causes to the Master, Wardens, and Governors of this company and fellowship of the Parish Clerks of the city of London. You shall truly and honestly carry and demean yourself in the office of Clerk of this company, whereunto you are now admitted; you shall very diligently and carefully, to your uttermost knowledge and endeavour, make up the weekly report and certificate of all the burials and christenings within the city and suburbs of London and the liberties thereof, and the city of Westminster, the borough of Southwark, and the fifteen out-parishes adjacent, according to the bills weekly brought for the making the King's [Queen's] Majesty's bills and certificate, so long and as often as you shall be thereunto reasonably required and appointed by the Master or Wardens of this company or fellowship. You shall not disclose the lawful secrets of this company to any person that to you, in duty, might be concealed and kept close. All this you shall faithfully do and perform, as God by his grace shall enable you.

So God you help in Jesus Christ

Oath taken by the Beadle.

You shall swear that you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen that now is, and to her heirs and successors, kings of England and obedient you shall behave yourself at all times convenient to the Master and Wardens and Assistants of this Company of Parish Clerks, and ready you shall be to give warning, when it shall be commanded by the Master and Wardens for the time being, as well to burials and quarter days, and other court days. You shall diligently attend on all courts that shall be appointed by the Master and Wardens for the time being, to be kept, unless you be hindered by sickness or other just cause, and not disclose or reveal any lawful counsels that you may hear spoken, uttered, or declared in their said courts; but in all things carry and demean yourself honestly in your said office and place.

So help you God in Jesus Christ.

PATTERNMAKERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen that now is, and to her heirs and successors; and in all things lawful and reasonable relating to the said company according to your power shall be obedient to the just and lawful orders and constitutions of the Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Governors of this company for the time being, and their successors; and shall readily appear upon all summons by their beadle or other officer, except you have sufficient cause to be absent, or else you shall pay all such sums, penalties, and fines as you shall forfeit according to the lawful ordinances of this company for breaking the same; all the lawful acts, ordinances, and orders made for good rule and government of the said company you shall to your power observe and keep, or else pay such fines and penalties as you shall according to the said ordinances forfeit by reason of your disobedience or breaking the same, keep all the lawful councils and consultations, words, matters, and things which you shall at any time hear or know spoken or done at any court or other assembly of the said company that doth concern the government of the company, reformation of abuses, or regulation of refractory or disorderly persons, you shall not wittingly and willingly, or against the direction of the said court or assembly, divulge or declare to the prejudice of the good government of the said company, redress of abuses therein, or regulation of their disorderly members. All this you shall faithfully and truly do and perform to the utmost of your power, and as far as lawfully you may.

So help you God.

Oath taken by an Assistant.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors; you shall assist the Master and Wardens of this fellowship or company of Patternmakers for the time being in their oversight, rule, and government of the said fellowship, so long as you shall continue one of the Assistants of the said fellowship, with your best and soundest advice and counsel, and shall endeavour yourself to the uttermost of your skill and knowledge justly and indifferently to execute your said place and office in every respect, and to put in due execution all the good and lawful ordinances of the society in the charters or books of ordinances contained as far forth as lawfully you may, and shall not punish or assess persons for hatred or malice, or spare any person for love, dread, favour or affection, or hope of reward.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Master and Wardens.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors; you shall endeavour yourselves the best way you can, whilst you continue in this office whereunto you are now chosen, justly and indifferently to execute and cause to be executed your office in every respect, and to put in due execution all the good and lawful laws and ordinances in the book of ordinances expressed and contained as far forth as by law you may, without assessing or punishing any person for envy, hatred, or malice, or sparing any person for reward, dread, favour or affection; and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, sums of money, or any other thing or things, that by reason of your said office shall come to your hands, charge, or custody to the use of or belonging to the said fellowship you shall, according to the ordinances and directions made touching the same, yield and make a good, true, and plain account within convenient time after you shall be thereunto required by the Master and Wardens of this company for the time being.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Clerk.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors; and to the Master, Wardens, and fellowship of this society, and all the commandments of the Master and Wardens, being lawful and honest touching and concerning the affairs and business of this fellowship belonging to your office to your power, and as far forth as lawfully you may, you shall do and execute; true entries of all things belonging to your office you shall make, without any partiality for favor or affection, lucre or gain, envy, hatred, or malice whatsoever; you shall not wittingly or willingly do and commit any thing that may be hurtful or prejudical to the said Master, Wardens, and fellowship, but shall honestly, justly, and truly execute your office of Clerkship in all things appertaining to the same as the Clerk of the said Master, Wardens, and fellowship of this society ought to do so long as you shall continue and be in the same office according to your best skill, power, and ability, without any partiality. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Beadle.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen and her heirs and successors; and obedient shall be to the Master and Wardens of this fellowship for the time being; their commandments lawful and honest touching the affairs and business of this company to the uttermost of your power willingly you shall do as far as lawfully you may, and generally you shall justly and truly do and execute all and every thing and things appertaining to the said office of Beadle as the Beadle of the said Master, Wardens, and fellowship ought to do to the uttermost of your knowledge, skill, power, and ability so long as you shall continue in the said office, without partiality. So help you God.

PEWTERERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and lawful successors. The peace of the city you shall keep to the best of your power; you shall be obedient to all the lawful commands and orders of the Master and Wardens of the said fellowship of Pewterers for the time being, and their successors; the counsel of the said craft you shall faithfully keep; you shall know of no prejudice or hurt intended or done against the said fellowship, without discovering, hindering, and opposing the same to the best of your power, and shall give warning thereof to the Master and Wardens; all the good rules and ordinances of the said company now made, or which hereafter shall be made, you shall well and truly observe and keep; you shall attend every summons of the Master and Wardens, being lawfully warned by the beadle in their name, unless you shall be prevented by some reasonable cause or occasion, or shall pay such fine as is or shall be ordered by the Court of Assistants for such default; you shall not work privately or otherwise with any person except he be free of the said company; you shall contribute your proportion to all charges which are usually paid, or ought to be paid, in the said craft; you shall aid and succour the poor brethren of the said craft to the best of your ability. In all these things above rehearsed, and in all others that belong to the said craft (for the weal and honour thereof), you shall truly observe and keep.

So help you God.

Oath taken by an Assistant.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and lawful successors. And you shall endeavour, so far as you lawfully may, to the best of your understanding and skill, as well in giving your faithful advice and counsel to the Master and Wardens of this company for the time being for the better execution of their said offices, as also in your own demeanor as a member of the said company, to give and use your faithful assistance in every respect, as much as in you lyeth and you lawfully may for the due observation of all the good and lawful orders now made, or hereafter to be made, for the good government of this company, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, without sparing or impeaching of any person or persons whatsoever, either for affection of malice, or for or in respect of any reward, dread, favour, or promise or hope of reward, during the time you shall be an Assistant of this company. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Warden.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and lawful successors. And you shall endeavour, the best you can, justly, lawfully, and indifferently, to execute and cause to be executed your office of Warden of this company in every respect, so far as you lawfully may, according to your understanding and ability, and in like manner shall, to your utmost endeavour and power, observe and cause to be observed all the good and lawful ordinances herein expressed, without sparing any person for affection, reward, dread, or promise or hope of reward, during the time you shall remain and be in the said office of Warden; and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, sum and sums of money, or any other thing or things that shall come to your hands or possession, by reason of your said office, you shall, according to the orders made, or to be made, by the said company, or by the Court of Assistants, touching the same, make a good, true, just, plain, and perfect account in writing, fairly written, or else shall pay such reasonable fines as you shall be ordered by the Court of Assistants to pay, for your not so doing; you shall not for malice, affection, or fear assess any person or persons in a greater or less sum than after the quantity or quality of his offence, according to your discretion, and according to the orders of the said company.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Master.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and lawful successors. And you shall endeavour, the best you can, justly, lawfully, and indifferently to execute, or cause to be executed, your office of Master of this company in every respect, so far as you lawfully may, according to your understanding and ability; and in like manner shall, to your utmost endeavour and power, observe and cause to be observed all the good and lawful ordinances herein expressed, without sparing any person for affection, reward, dread, favour, promise, or hope of reward, during the time you shall remain and be in the said office of Master; and of all and every such goods, plate, jewells, sums of money, or any other thing or things that shall come to your hands or possession by reason of your said office you shall, according to the ordinances now framed, or made, or hereafter to be made, for the good government of this company, whereof you are Master, make a good, just, true, and plain account, or else pay such reasonable fines as you shall be ordered by the rules or ordinances of the said company to pay for your not so doing; you shall not for malice, nor for love, affection, or fear, assess any person or persons in greater or lesser sum than after the quantity or quality of his offence, according to your discretion, and according to the ordinances or orders of the Company. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Clerk.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and lawful successors. You shall be of good carriage and behaviour to the Master and Wardens of the Mystery of Pewterers for the time being; you shall not deliver copies of any of the charters, ordinances, or byclaws of the said mystery or company to any person or persons whatsoever without the consent or order of the Master and Wardens for the time being; the secrets and counsels of the said company you shall faithfully keep, and shall not disclose the same to any person or persons whatsoever that you conceive will be any ways injurious to the company; you shall use, demean, and behave yourself honestly and justly in the office of Clerk of the said company so long as you continue in the same office. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Beadle.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and lawful successors. You shall be obedient and of good behaviour to the Master and Wardens for the time being, and shall diligently and readily perform and do all their lawful commands; you shall be of good and gentle behaviour to the whole company. The secrets, counsels, ordinances and rules of the said company which shall come to your knowledge you shall faithfully keep, and shall not disclose the same to any person or persons whatsoever without the order of the Master and Wardens; you shall know of no meetings, confederacies, secret consultations or evil designs, or doings which might be a prejudice to the Master and Wardens or company, without disclosing and hindring the same to the utmost of your power, and shall give notice thereof to the Master and Wardens; you shall enquire and present to the Master and Wardens the names of all members who shall begin to set up or open any shop within the city of London or the liberties thereof; and also the names of all apprentices that shall be new bound, and of their masters to whom they are bound; you shall keep a book containing a true list of all the names of the members of the said mystery or company, as well masters as journeymen. In these and all other things that appertain to the office of a Beadle belonging to a company you shall well and truly execute and perform to the best of your knowledge. So help you God.

PLAISTERERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You swear that you shall and will be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, and to his heirs and successors, kings and queens of this realm; that you shall and will be obedient at all times hereafter, in all matters lawful, to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company of Plaisterers, London, for the time being, without you have a reasonable and lawful excuse; and that for your own part you shall and will well and truly keep, observe, perform, and fulfil all and singular the lawful and reasonable orders and ordinances of the said company, and of the Court of Assistants of the same made or ot be made for the good rule and government thereof; and that you shall not nor will do anything to the damage, prejudice, or rebuke of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said company for the time being, but in every thing shall use and behave yourself as a good citizen of the city of London, and a freeman of the said company ought to do. So help you God.

Oath taken by an Assistant.

Now that you are elected and chosen to be an Assistant to the Master and Wardens of the art or mystery of Plaisterers of the city of London, you shall and will, so long as you continue to them an Assistant, give your attendance and be ready to assist the said Master and Wardens when and so often as you shall be called thereunto, having no lawful let or leave to the contrary; and that you shall and will endeavour yourself, as near as you can, with all indifference, to give your best and constant advice, opinion, and counsel to the Master and Wardens in all such things as they as they shall lawfully require your advice, opinion, and counsel in, touching the said art or mystery, or touching any of the orders or ordinances made or to be made concerning the said art or mystery, or any person being free thereof; you shall not, nor will in giving your advice, opinion, or counsel spare any person for favour or affection, nor assess or punish any person for envy, hatred, or malice, but you shall and will, uprightly and justly, give your advice and opinion according to the truth, so near as you can; and also you shall well, truly, faithfully, honestly, and diligently execute the said office of Assistant in all things touching the same.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Master and Wardens.

Now that you are elected and chosen to be Master (or Warden, as the case is) of the Company of Plaisterers, of the city of London, you shall and will, so long as you continue Master (or Warden, as the case is) endeavour yourself, as near as you can, well, truly, faithfully, honestly, and diligently to exercise the said office in all things touching the said office, and that with indifference in every respect; and also that to the utmost of your power, you shall and will endeavour to put in execution all the good and lawful ordinances made, or to be made, touching the said company, sparing no person for favour or affection, nor punishing any person for hatred or malice, and that all and every such goods, plate, jewels, money, and other things, which by reason of your said office shall come to your hands, possession, or custody, you shall make a good, true, plain, and perfect account of, to such person and persons, and in such manner, and at such time and times as by the rules, orders, and ordinances of the said company is, or shall be directed and appointed.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Clerk.

Now that you are elected and chosen to be Clerk to the Company of Plaisterers, London, you shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said company in all their lawful directions touching the said company; you shall make true entries in the books of the said company, and shall not deliver copies of any of the books of the said company to the hurt or prejudice

thereof; and you shall well and truly execute your said office, and demean yourself therein faithfully and honestly, according to the best of you skill and power. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

Now that you are elected and chosen Beadle to the Company of Plaisterers, London, you shall be obedient from time to time to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said company for the time being; you shall give your attendance upon them from time to time, and use your utmost diligence at all times, according to the trust that shall be reposed in you as Beadle of the said Company, in all or any of the affairs or the said company, as well in messages or other business; and that you shall not transcribe or copy, or permit or suffer to be transcribed or copied, any of the books of the said company, which shall or may at any time be in your custody, or any entry or entries in any of the said books. So help you GOD.

PLUMBERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear to be true to our Lord the King, his heirs and successors. You shall in all matters lawful and honest be obedient to the master and wardens of the Art or Mistery of Plommery for the time being in that office, and obedient and ready to come to all the lawful warnings given to you by the beadle or others on the behalf of the said master and wardens, without you have a reasonable excuse, without faynings or delays; you shall observe and keep, and to the best of your power cause to be observed and kept, all the lawful ordinances and statutes made for the good rule and politic guiding of the said fellowship, or else pay such sum or sums of money as you shall owe to pay by the breach or offending of the same articles or ordinances. You shall also keep all the lawful secrets of the same fellowship, and all such things as by way of counsel lawfully shall be in communication at any time of assembly of the master and wardens at their common hall; and not to disclose the same to any person, and especially to any such person to whom the same matter doth or in anywise may touch. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE WARDENS.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors; and you shall endeavour yourselves the best you can, justly, lawfully and indifferently to execute and cause to be executed your offices, in every respect so far forth as you lawfully may, and in like manner observe and cause to be observed all the good and lawful ordinances herein expressed, without spareing any person for affection, reward, meed, dread, or promise of reward, during the time you shall remain and be in the office of Wardens; and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, sum and sums of money, or any other thing or things that by reason of your said office shall come to your hands or possession, you shall, according to the ordinances herein specified, make a good, true, and plain account in writing, or else pay such fines as you shall be ordered or ought to pay by the said ordinances for your not so doing; you shall not for malice, nor for love or affection, assess any person or persons in a greater or less sum than after the quantity and quality of his offence according to your discretions and according to the ordinances of this art or mystery. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors; and you shall endeavour yourself the best you can, justly, lawfully, and indifferently to execute and cause to be executed your office in every respect so far forth as you lawfully may, and in like manner shall observe and cause to be observed all the good and lawful ordinances

herein expressed, without spareing any person for affection, reward, meed, dread, or promise of reward, during the time you shall remain and be in the said office of Master. And of all and every sum and sums of money, plate, jewels, or any other thing or things that by reason of your said office shall come to your hands or possession, you shall, according to the lawful ordinances herein specified, make a good, true and plain account in writing, or else pay such fines as you shall be ordered or ought to pay by the said ordinances for your not so doing. You shall not for malice, nor for love or affection, assess any person or persons in a greater or less sum than after the quantity and quality of his offence, according to your discretion and according to the ordinances of this art or mystery. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK AND BEADLE.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors; you shall be obedient to the master and wardens of the Art or Mystery of Plommery for the time being; and you shall do and perform all other matters justly and truly which to your office appertaineth, so far as your liability will extend and you lawfully may do. So help you GOD.

POULTERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear you shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and lawful successors, kings and queens of Great Britain; you shall be obedient at all times hereafter in all matters lawful to the Master and Wardens of the art and mystery of Poulters, London, and to their successors for the time being; you shall not withstand or disobey the summons of the Master and Wardens of the said mystery for the time being by their officer therefor assigned without you have a lawful and reasonable excuse, and for your own part you shall well and truly observe, perform, fulfil, and keep all and singular the lawful and reasonable orders and ordinances made and to be made by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said mystery for the good rule and government of them and their successors, and shall not do anything to the damage, prejudice, or rebuke of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants and commonalty, but in these things and in all other things you shall do, use, and behave yourself as a good citizen of the City of London and a freeman of the said company ought to do. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT.

Now that you are elected and chosen to be an Assistant to the Master and Wardens of the art or mystery of the Poulters of the City of London, you shall so long as you continue to them Assistant give your diligence and be ready to assist the said Master and Wardens when and as often as you shall be called thereunto, having no lawful let or leave to the contrary, and shall to the best of your skill and cunning, so near as you can, with all indifferency, give your best and soundest advice, opinion, and counsel to the said Master and Wardens in all such things as they shall lawfully require your advice, opinion, and counsel in or touching the said art or mystery, or touching any the orders or ordinances made or to be made concerning the said mystery, or any person using the same or being free thereof.

You shall not in giving your advice, opinion, or counsel spare any person for meed, dread, favour, or affection, or assess or punish any person for envy, hatred, or malice, but shall uprightly and justly give your advice according to the truth so near as you can. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A WARDEN.

Now that you are elected and chosen to be Warden of the art or mystery of the Poulters of the city of London, you shall so long as you continue Warden justly, truly, and diligently, according to the best of your skill and cunning

execute your said office, and that with indifference in every respect; and also to the utmost of your power and skill you shall endeavour to put in due execution all the good and lawful ordinances made or to be made touching the said mystery, without assessing or punishing any person from envy, hatred, or malice, or sparing any person for reward, meed, dread, favour, or affection; and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, money, and all other things that by reason of your said office shall come to your hands, possession, or custody, you shall make good, true, and perfect account to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said mystery for the time being, according to the ordinances in that case made and provided. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER.

Now that you are elected and chosen to be Master of the art or mystery of the Poulters of the city of London, you shall so long as you continue Master justly, truly, and diligently, according to the best of your skill and cunning, execute your said office, and that with indifference in every respect; and also to the utmost of your power and skill you shall endeavour to put in due execution all the good and lawful ordinances made or to be made touching the said mystery, without assessing or punishing any person for envy, hatred, or malice, or sparing any person for reward, meed, dread, favour, or affection; and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, money, and other things that by reason of your said office shall come to your hands, possession, or custody, you shall make a good, true, plain, and perfect account to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being, according to the ordinances in that case made and provided. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A LIVERYMAN.

You shall swear that the just debts you now owe and intend to pay, being paid, you are not worth in real and personal estate the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

Now that you are elected and chosen to be Clerk to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the art or mystery of Poulters, London, you shall so long as you continue their Clerk be willing and ready (having no leave or lawful let to the contrary) to attend the said Master or Wardens when they shall require you for the business of your place as their Clerk, and shall endeavour yourself to make true entries of all things belonging to your office committed to your charge, without all partiality for favour, affection, lucre, gain, hatred, or malice; you shall not willingly commit or do anything to the prejudice, hurt or damage of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said mystery of Poulters, London, but well and truly you shall execute your said office so near as you can as a good and lawful Clerk ought to. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

Now that you are elected and chosen Beadle to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the art or mystery of Poulters, London, you shall so long as you continue their Beadle summon all and every such person and persons as the Master or Wardens, or any of them, shall at any time command to be summoned according to the ordinances in that case made and provided, without sparing of any person for favour, affection, lucre, gain, hatred, or malice; you shall endeavour yourself as near as you can at all times to do and execute the lawful commands of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants and belonging to your office; you shall not wittingly or willingly do anything to the prejudice, damage, hurt, or rebuke of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, but diligently, well, and truly you shall execute your said office as near as you can as a good Beadle ought to do. So help you GOD.

SCRIVENERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

I, N.D., do swear upon the Holy Evangelist to be true and faithful unto our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors, kings and queens of England; and to be true and just in mine office and science, and to do my diligence that all the deeds which I shall make to be sealed shall be well and truly done after my learning, skill, and science, and shall be duly and advisedly read over and examined before the ensealing of the same; and especially I shall not write nor suffer to be written by any of mine to my power or knowledge any deed or writing to be sealed wherein any deceit or falsehood shall be conceived, or in my conscience suspected to lie, nor any deed bearing date of long time past before the ensealing thereof, nor bearing any date of any time to come; neither shall I testify nor suffer any of mine to testify to my power or knowledge any blank charter or deed sealed before the full writing thereof; and neither for haste nor for covetousness I shall take upon me to make any deed touching inheritance of lands or estate for life or years, nor any deed of great charge whereof I have not cunning without good advice and information of counsel; and all the good rules and ordinances of the Society of Scriveners of the city of London I shall and will well and truly keep and observe to my power so far as God shall give me grace.

So help me God and the holy contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Assistants.

You and every of you shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, and to his heirs and successors kings or queens of this realm; and every of you shall after the best manner you can by yourselves justly and indifferently execute or cause to be executed your office and place of an Assistant to the Master and Wardens of this Society in every respect; and all the good and lawful ordinance in this book of ordinances expressed, without sparing any person or persons for affection, reward, meed, dread, malice, or promise of reward, during the time you shall execute and continue in the same office or place of an Assistant, you shall to the uttermost of your power and ability truly and faithfully observe and keep; you shall not for malice, love, or affection assess any person or persons in any greater or lesser sums than after the quantity and quality of his or their offence or offences after your discretion and according to the ordinances herein mentioned.

So help you God and the contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Master and Wardens.

You shall swear that you shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King, and to his heirs and successors, kings or queens of this realm; and that after the best manner you can you shall justly and indifferently execute or cause to be executed your office of Master or Warden of this society in every respect; and all the good and lawful ordinances in this book of ordinances expressed, without sparing any person or persons for affection, reward, meed, dread, malice, or promise of reward. During the time you shall execute and continue in the same office of Master or Warden, you shall to the uttermost of your power and ability truly and faithfully observe and keep; and of all and every such goods, jewels, plate, sums of money, deeds, gifts, grants, commodities, or of any other thing or things whatsoever that by reason of your said office shall come to any of your hands, you and every of you shall respectively, according to all the ordinances in this book specified, make a good, true, and plain accompt, and shall deliver all the said goods, deeds, gifts, and other things whatsoever aforesaid to the safe custody of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being at the common hall aforesaid at the time thereunto appointed, or else to pay such fines as you shall be ordered to pay by them for your not so doing; you shall not for malice, love, or affection assess any person or persons in any greater or lesser sum than after the quality and quantity of his or their offence or offences after your discretion and according to the said ordinances herein mentioned.

So help you God and the holy contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Clerk.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty of England now being, and to his heirs and successors, kings or queens of England; you shall be obedient to your Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Society for the time being in all lawful and honest commandments and attendant upon them at all their meetings; you shall from time to time read all the ordinances and make due and true entries of all things which the Master and Wardens aforesaid shall command you, without sparing any person for affection, lucre, or malice; you shall not deliver any copies of the books or orders concerning the Company, nor any part of them, nor of any of the articles or ordinances whereby the said Society may or shall take any hurt, neither shall show the same books or ordinances to any person or persons without the consent, commandment, or agreement of the said Master and Wardens for the time being; you shall from time to time, upon the commandment and according to the direction of the Master and Wardens for the time being, warn and summon all the Assistants and Livery of the said Society to appear at the common hall or general meeting place of the said society at all quarter days and other court days; and in all other things incident or belonging to your said office or place you shall faithfully and honestly demean and behave yourself.

So help you God and the contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Beadle.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty of England now being, and to his heirs and successors, kings or queens of England; you shall be obedient to the Waster, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Society for the time being in all their lawful and honest commandments, and attendant upon them at all their meetings; you shall from time to time, upon the commandment and according to the direction of the Master and Wardens, or any of them, warn and summon all the freemen of the said society and all others using the art, science, or mystery aforesaid within the city of London, the suburbs and liberties thereof within three miles of the same city, to appear at the common hall or general meeting place for the said society at all quarter days and other court days; you shall also truly execute your office in carrying of any person or persons to ward, and in releasing him ort hem again, at the commandment of the said Master and Wardens, and in all other points incident or belonging to your office you shall faithfully and honestly demean and behave yourself. So help you God and by the contents of this Book.

SKINNERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors. In all matters lawful and honest you shall be obedient to the Master and Wardens for the time being in that office, and obedient and ready to come to their lawful summons, except your have a lawful excuse, without feigning delays, or else you shall pay such penalties as your shall forfeit by you disobedience, according to the lawful ordinances of this your craft, which ordinances and every of them ye to you power shall observe and keep, or else as is aforesaid pay such fines and penalties as you shall forfeit by reason of your disobedience or breaking of the same. All the lawful secrets of the said fellowship, and all things which at any time of assembly shall be lawfully in communication amongst the fellow ship at the common hall ye shall keep secret, and not disclose the same to any not of that fellowship, and especially to any such person whom the same in any wise doth concern, or touch, or to any manner of person whatsoever. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Assistants.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors. And you shall endeavour yourself, to the best you can, justly and indifferently to execute and do, or cause to be executed, all the

ordinances and laudable acts made for the conservation and politique guiding of the fellowship of Skinners, without sparing any person for affection, reward, dread, or promise of reward, during the time you shall be of the Assistants of this company. You shall also, as much as in your power is, council and advise for the good government, utility, and profit of this company. You shall also keep secret all and every matters that shall be herein communicated at the table and spoken in council in any business or affairs of this company, and not disclose them, or any of them, to any person or persons to the intent that the same may come to the knowledge of any such person or persons whom the same may concern or touch. You shall not for malice, neither for love, or affection, fine or amerce any person or persons in a greater or lesser sum than after the quality and the quantity of his offence after your discretions and according to the ordinances of this society. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE RENTER-WARDEN.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors. And you shall yield and give up a just and true account at the time appointed, of all such money as you shall receive and pay by reason of your office of Rentership. And you shall employ and endeavour yourself diligently in doing and executing the same office as well as you would do if the livelihood were your own, and as you would that another man should do for you in like case. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER AND WARDENS.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors. You shall endeavour, the best you can, justly and indifferently to execute and do, or cause to be executed and done, all the good and lawful ordinances and laudable acts made for the conservation and politique guiding of the fellowship of Skinners, without sparing any person for affection, reward, dread, or promise of reward, during the time you shall be in the same office of Master. Of all and every such goods, plate, and jewels, sum or sums of money, as by reason of the office of Master and Wardens shall come into your hands; you shall make a good, due, true, and plain account, or else pay such fine or fines as shall be ordered or imposed on you according to the rules and ordinances of this society. You shall not for malice, neither for love or affection, impose or assess on any person or persons a greater or a less sum than after the quality and quantity of his or their offence, after your discretion and according to the said ordinances. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors. You shall be obedient unto the Master and Wardens of the same fellowship for the time being, and so from time to time you shall read, or as much as in you is cause to be read, all the ordinances made for the good government of the same fellowship, and make due and true entries as the Master and Wardens shall command you, and not for malice, or the love and affection of any person or persons, to enter any lesser or greater sum for any fine, amerciament, or penalty than you shall be commanded to do by the said Master and Wardens for the time being. You shall not deliver the copy of any books concerning the same fellowship, nor of any articles whereby the fellowship may take any hurt without the commandment, assent, or agreement of the same Master and Wardens, or the major part of them, for the time being; neither shall you shew the same books to any person without the knowledge or agreement of the same Master and Wardens, or the major part of them.

So help you GOD.

SPECTACLE MAKERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, and at all times obedient to the Master and Wardens of this fellowship and society, and their successors after them, in all honest and lawful things, touching the affair and business of this fellowship. You shall be ready at all manner of summons, and bear scot and lot in all manner of reasonable contributions of and to this Company of Spectacle Makers of the city of London. You shall to the best of your skill, power, and ability, uphold and maintain the weal of this company. You shall not know or suspect any manner of meetings, conspiracies, plot, or devices against the Queen's Majesty, her heirs or successors, or the government of this fellowship, but you shall the same, to the utmost of your power, let and hinder, and speedily disclose to the Master or one of the Wardens of this society. And this city of London and fellowship of Spectacle Makers you shall keep harmless as much as in you lies. Also, you shall be ready at all times to be at the quarter days and every other assembly, matter or cause, that you shall be warned or called unto for the affairs of this fellowship, unless you shall have lawful and reasonable excuse in that behalf. And all the ordinances of this fellowship or society ratified according to the laws of this realm, or otherwise lawful for this fellowship or society to make and ordain, you shall to the utmost of you power well and truly submit yourself unto and keep. So help you God.

STATIONERS' COMPANY.

Declaration made by a Freeman.

I do solemnly declare that I will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and be obedient to the master and wardens of this company in all lawful manner; that I will also keep secret all the lawful counsel of this fellowship; that all manner of lawful rules and ordinances for the good ordering of the said fellowship I will, to the best of my skill observe and keep; that to my power I will be well willing, helping, and furthering to the good governance and wealth of the same fellowship; and that I will not be party or privy in any counsel or device that may be to the hurt or hindrance of the said company, or to the overthrowing and breaking of the good laws and ordinances of the same, but all such practices, counsels and devices I will disclose to the said master and wardens of the company, and them labour to hinder and break as much as in me lies.

Oath taken by an Assistant.

You shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria; and that you shall according to your best skill and judgment, with your advice or otherwise, well and truly assist the master and wardens of this company when there shall be occasion. And the good rules and ordinances of this company you shall keep and see to be kept to the best of your power.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Warden.

You shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria; and that you shall as Wardens well and truly order and govern all the fellowship of the Mystery and Company of Stationers, whereof you are now chosen Wardens for this present year, according to the best of your skill and knowledge; and the good rules and ordinances of this company you shall keep and see to be kept according to the best of your power. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Master.

You shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria; and that you shall, as Master, well and truly order and govern all the fellowship of this Mystery and Company of Stationers, whereof you are chosen Master for this present year, according to your best skill and judgment; and the good rules and ordinances of this company you shall keep and see to be kept to the best of your power. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Stock-keepers and Treasurer.

You shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria; and to be obedient to the master, wardens, and assistants of this company in all lawful msnner touching or concerning the grant whereof you are now chosen Stock-keepers [*or* Treasurer.] And all manner of lawful rules, impositions, and ordinances that be made or hereafter shall be made and lawfully ordained for the good ordering of the said grant or privilege, ye shall well and truly, to your best endeavour, observe and keep, and to your power shall be well welling, helping, and furthering to the good governance and wealth of the aforesaid grant, and shall not be party or privy in any counsel or device that may be to the hurt or hindrance of the same, or to the overthrowing or breaking of the good laws and ordinances lawfully ordained for the good government thereof. But all such practices, counsels, and devices, you shall disclose to the master or wardens of this company for the time being, or to some or one of them, and them labour to hinder and break so much as in you lieth. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Clerk.

You shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria. You shall be obedient in all lawful manner to the master and wardens of this fellowship, and you shall make true entries of all such things as you shall be commanded by the master, wardens, and assistants for the time being, and faithfully keep all the books and records. And in all other things you shall well and truly demean yourself as Clerk of this company, and the same to execute according to the best of your skill and knowledge.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Beadle.

You shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria. You shall be in all lawful manner obedient to the master and wardens of this company; and all persons of the said company, when you are commanded, you shall in due time lawfully summon and warn to the assemblies of the same. All the lawful counsel also and secrets of this company you shall well and truly keep. And all other lawful things appertaining to your office you shall well and faithfully do. So help you God.

TALLOW CHANDLERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors, kings and queens of England. You shall well and truly observe, maintain and keep to your power all the good laws, statutes, ordinances, and decrees already made, or hereafter lawfully to be made, for the government of the commonalty of the craft or mystery of Tallow Chandlers, for the better skill of the said craft or mystery, and for the common profit and commodity of the said commonalty. Ye shall be obedient from time to time and at all times in lawful matters to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said commonalty; and ye shall come to them at all times, or any of them, upon a lawful summons, either of the Clerk or Beadle, or of any other by them being lawfully enjoined or commanded so to do, having no lawful or

reasonable excuse to the contrary, or else ye shall pay such penalties as ye shall forfeit by your disobeying, according to the lawful ordinances of the commonalty of the said craft or mystery of Tallow Chandlers; all the lawful counsel of the commonalty of the said craft or mystery of Tallow Chandlers at any time of assembly that shall be lawful in communication amongst the commonalty of the said craft or mystery of Tallow Chandlers at your common hall; you shall keep secret and not disclose the same to any person being none of the commonalty of the said craft or mystery of Tallow Chandlers, and especially to any person whom the said matter doth concern and touch.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE ASSISTANTS.

You shall swear that you and every of you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to her heirs and lawful successors, kings and queens of England; and you and every of you shall endeavour yourselves, the best you can, as well for and concerning the giving and using of your faithful advice and counsels, unto the Master and Wardens of the commonalty of the craft or mystery of Tallow Chandlers, when you shall be thereto required and when need shall be for the better execution of their said offices, and also to give and use your faithful advice and assistance, in every respect as much as in you lieth, for the due observation of all the good and lawful ordinances in this book of ordinances mentioned and expressed, according to the intent and true meaning of the same, without molesting or impeaching of any person or persons, either for affection or malice, or for or in respect of any reward, meed, dread, or promise of reward during the time you shall be Assistant, touching the commonalty of the said craft or mystery of Tallow Chandlers.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER, DEPUTY-MASTER, AND WARDENS.

You and every of you shall swear that you and every of you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of England. And you and every of you shall endeavour yourselves, the best you can, justly and indifferently to execute and cause to be executed your offices in every respect to the benefit of the common weal of the Queen's Majesty's subjects and credit of the commonalty. And you shall likewise execute or cause to be executed all the good and lawful ordinances in this book of ordinances expressed, without sparing any man for affection, reward, meed, dread, or promise of reward, during the time you shall be in the office of Master, Deputy Master, *or* Wardens, *as the case may be*. And of all manner of duties, forfeitures, fines, and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, sums of money, and any other thing and things that by reason of your said offices shall come to any of your hands you shall, according to the ordinance before specified, make a good and true account, or else pay such fines as you be ordered to pay by the said ordinance for your not so doing. You shall not for malice, nor for love, nor affection, assess any person or persons in any greater or less sum than after the quality or quantity of his offence, according to your discretion and according to the ordinances of the commonalty of the said craft or mystery of Tallow Chandlers. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of England. You shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the commonalty of the said craft or mystery of Tallow Chandlers for the time being; their good and lawful secrets, rules, and ordinances you shall observe and keep and so, from time to time, and at all times at their lawful directions and commandments concerning the said commonalty; you shall read all the ordinances and make due and true entries, when as the Master and Wardens shall command you, without sparing any person for affection, lucre, or malice; you shall not shew nor deliver the copies of any books or writings concerning the commonalty the said craft or mystery of Tallow Chandlers, nor any articles whereby the commonalty of the same craft or mystery may take hurt, neither show the same books to any

person or persons without the consent, commandment, and agreement of the said Master or Wardens, or some of them, for the time being.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to her heirs and successors, kings and queens of England. You shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the commonalty of the said craft or mystery of Tallow Chandlers for the time being, and so from time to time you shall give your attendance upon them, and use your diligence at all times according to the trust that shall be committed unto you in such affairs as you shall have to do for or concerning the said company, either in any message or other business that you shall be by them, or any of them, appointed within the city of London and suburbs of the same, Southwark, and within two miles compass of the same city and suburbs, and also in summoning any of the commonalty of the said craft or mystery at such time as you shall be thereunto commanded. So help you GOD.

TYLERS' AND BRICKLAYERS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear to be true and faithful to this Craft of Tylers and Bricklayers of the city of London, keeping as much as in your power is love and charity amongst them; not moving or stirring any occasion of strife or debate, through which the said craft or mystery, or any person of the same, might be hindered or hurt. Also you shall, in all lawful things, be obedient always unto the master and wardens of the said craft for the time being. And all the lawful rules, statutes, and ordinances made and ordained, or hereafter to be made and ordained, for the weal of the said craft, well and truly you shall maintain and support to the best of your power. Also you shall duly and truly pay, or cause to be paid, the quarterages and all other duties yearly, belonging to the said fellowship. And be contributary to all manner of lawful and reasonable charges belonging, and necessarily appertaining, as other brethren do, to the best of your power. Also you shall obey all manner of lawful summons, done in the said master and wardens' names, by their officer therefor assigned. You shall not discover the lawful counsel of this mystery, that you shall have knowledge of which should be kept secret within yourself. These points, and all other good rules and ordinances made and to be made, you shall obey, keep, and maintain to your power, as near as God shall give you grace. So GOD you help, and by the contents of this Book.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER AND WARDENS.

Ye shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors of this realm. And that ye shall well and truly order and govern all the Fellowship of the art or mystery of Tylers and Bricklayers, whereof ye are chosen Master and Wardens of this present year. And all the good rules and ordinances made for the preservation of the same, or that hereafter shall be made, ye shall well and truly keep and see to be kept to the best of your powers; all defaults committed to the contrary whereof you shall have understanding, either by your own knowledge or else by information of others, ye shall duly, and according to justice, see to be punished and corrected, sparing no man for love, nor grieving any man for hate, otherwise than you ought to do of right. And ye shall truly account and answer all such money and goods as hath and shall come to your hands to the use of the same company. Ye shall also well, truly, and honestly behave yourselves in all things that belongs to your offices while ye be Master and Wardens to the uttermost of your powers, cunning, and knowledge.

So GOD you help, and by the contents of this Book.

UPHOLDERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall sware that you shall be true to Our Sovereign Lady the Queen hat now is, and to her heirs and successors, their peace you shall keep to your power and shall not make any congregation or consent to any misdoers against the said peace, but that you shall give notice thereof to some of their officers for the time being.

To the Masters and Wardens of the Mystery of the Upholders of the city of London and their successors you shall be obedient, and their councel lawful and honest you shall keep secret, and all the laws, ordinancies, and statutes made by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said company touching yourself you shall observe, fulfil, and keep, or else pay such penalties as you shall be assessed and adjudged to pay according to the same ordinances.

So help you God.

VINTNERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear that you and every of you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and lawful successors, kings and queens of England; and you shall also, in all lawful things, be true and faithful unto the Corporation of the Mistery of Vintners of the city of London, keeping, as much as in you shall be, love and charity amongst them. And you shall in all lawful things be obedient always unto the Master and Wardens of the said corporation for the time being; and all the lawful rules, statutes, and ordinances made and ordained for the good ordering of the freemen of the said corporation, or hereafter to the same intent to be made, truly and duly you shall to your power maintain, perform, obey, and support. And you shall be contributory to all manner of lawful and reasonable charges belonging or necessarily appertaining to the company as as other brethren do to your power. And also, you shall obey all manner of lawful summons done in the Warden's name by the Clerk or Beadle, for anything concerning the said corporation, having no lawful or reasonable excuse to the contrary.

So help you God.

The Oath taken by the Master and Wardens.

You shall swear that you and every of you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to her heirs and lawful successors, kings and queens of England. And you and every of you shall justly and indifferently execute and cause to be executed your offices according to the antient and laudible custom heretofore used, without spareing any man for affection or reward, or promise of reward, and without punishing any man for malice or ill-will during the time you shall continue in your office. And you shall, wnat in you shall lye during the time of your office, do your endeavour to put in execution, or cause to be put in execution, all and every the lawful ordinances, provisions, and rules established and ordained for the common and public good of the freemen of this Corporation or Mistery of Vinters, or for the government of the freemen thereof. So help you God.

WATERMEN AND LIGHTERMEN'S COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

I swear (or declare) that I will be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors; and will be obedient to the Court of Masters, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames, and observe and keep all the rules, orders, and constitutions made and to be made by such court.

WAX CHANDLERS' COMPANY.

Declaration made by a Freeman.

I, [illegible] do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and successors. I will be obedient at all times hereafter to the master and wardens of the Art and Mystery of Wax Chandlers, London, and to their successors, in all matters and things concerning the said society. I will not disobey the warning or summons given me by the beadle or officers of the said company, without I have a just or reasonable excuse. And for my part I will observe and keep all and singular the lawful and reasonable orders and ordinances and constitutions made, or hereafter to be made, for the well ordering and governing of the said master and wardens and society, and their successors. And will not do any hurt or prejudice to the said society, but will lett or hinder the same to my utmost power. And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the sixth year of the reign of his late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act to repeal an Act of the present " Session of Parliament, intituled 'An Act for the more effectual Abolition of " 'Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the " 'State, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the more entire " 'Suppression of voluntary and extra judicial Oaths and Affidavits, and to " 'make other Provisions for the Abolition of unnecessary Oaths.'"

Declaration made by an Assistant.

I [illegible] do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and successors I will so long as I continue an Assistant to the master and wardens of the Art or Mystery of Wax Chandlers, London, give my diligence and be ready to assist the master and wardens when and as often as I shall be called or warned thereunto, having no lawful let or leave to the contrary. All the lawful secrets, acts, counsels, and consultations which touch or concern the good or benefit of the said society in any of the courts or meetings had done, treated, or consulted of I will not reveal to any person or persons whomsoever other than to the master, wardens, and assistants not then present, and will endeavour as near as I can with all indifferency to give my best and soundest advice, opinion, and judgment to the master and wardens in all things as they shall require or desire the same touching or concerning the said society or the Art and Mystery of a Wax Chandler, or any of the orders or ordinances made or to be made touching or concerning the same, I will not, in giving my advice, opinion or judgment, spare any person for meed, dread, favour or affection, reward, or promise of reward, or assess or punish any person for envy, hatred, or malice, but will uprightly, justly, and faithfully give my advice according to the truth so near as I can. And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of an Act, &c., &c.

Declaration made by the Master and Wardens.

I [illegible] do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and successors. And that after the best manner I can I will justly and indifferently execute or cause to be executed the office of this company. All the lawful secrets, acts, counsels, or consultations which touch or concern the good or benefit of this company in any of the courts or meetings had, done, treated, or consulted of I will not reveal to any person or persons other than to the wardens or assistants not then present; and to the utmost of my power I will endeavour to put in due execution all and every the good and lawful ordinances made or to be made touching the said society and the said Art and Mystery of a Wax Chandler, without sparing of any person or persons for favour, affection, reward, meed, dread or promise of reward, or assessing or punishing any person or persons for envy, hatred, or malice; and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, money, and other things that by reason of my said office shall come to

my hands, custody, or possession I will make a just, true, plain, and perfect account in writing to the master, wardens, and assistants of the said Art or Mystery of Wax Chandlers for the time being, according to the ordinances in that case made and provided. And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the provisions of an Act, &c., &c.

Declaration made by the Clerk.

I . . . . . do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and successors. And that I will be obedient to the Master and Warden of the Art and Mystery of Wax Chandlers, London, for the time being, in all their just and lawful commandments, having no lawful let to the contrary; and will attend upon them at their assemblies and meetings, and make true entries of all things belonging to my office and committed to my charge, without respect to the person of any for favour, malice, affection, dread, reward, or promise of reward; I will deliver out no copy or copies of any their ordinances, nor show any books belonging to the company without the consent of the master and wardens thereof for the time being, whereby to prejudice the said company. I will in all things incident or belonging to my said place and office justly and faithfully demean myself to the utmost of my power and ability. And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the provisions of an Act, &c., &c.

Declaration made by the Beadle.

I, ... do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is, and to her heirs and successors. I will, so long as I continue Beadle or officer to this company, summon all and every such person and persons as the master and wardens, or any of them, shall command to be summoned, according to the ordinances in that case made and provided, without sparing of any person for favour, affection, lucre, gain, hatred, or malice. I will endeavour myself, as near as I can, at all times to do and execute the lawful commandments of the said master and wardens and society belonging to my office. I will not wittingly or willingly commit or do anything to the prejudice, damage, hurt, or rebuke of the said master and wardens and society, but diligently, faithfully, and truly I will execute my said office as a beadle ought to do, so near as I can. And I make his solemn declaration by virtue of the provisions of an Act, &c., &c.

WEAVERS' COMPANY.

Oath taken by a Freeman.

You shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria; and shall be obedient to the just and good government of the Company of Weavers of London, of which you are now admitted a Freeman, and also obey all summons, or else you shall pay such penalties as by the ordinances of the said guild or company are set down and appointed. You shall to the best of your power maintain and preserve the peace and all the due and lawful privileges of the said company, and according to your knowledge and ability do and perform all such other acts and things which do belong to a Freeman of the said company. . . . . So help you God.

Oath taken by the Assistants.

You shall swear that you and every of you, shall be true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria; and you and every of you shall endeavour yourselves the best you can to give and use your faithful advices and counsels unto the Bailiffs and Wardens of the guild or company of the trade, art, or mystery of Weavers, London, for the better execution of their said officers. And also to give and use your faithful aids and assistances in every respect as much as in you lieth for the due observation of all the good and lawful ordinances of

the said company according to the intent and true meaning of the same, without sparing or impeaching of any person or persons either for affection or malice, or for or in respect of any reward, fear, dread, or promise of reward during the time you shall be Assistants of the said Company.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BAILIFFS AND WARDENS.

You and every of you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and you and every of you shall endeavour yourselves the best you can justly and indifferently to execute your respective offices in every respect. And all the good and lawful ordinances of the said Guild or Company of Weavers during the time you shall respectively be in the same offices of Bailiffs and Wardens, you shall observe, execute, and keep to your power, without sparing any person for affection, reward, fear, dread, or promise of reward, and of all and every such goods, plate, jewels, sums of money, or any other thing or things that by reason of your said offices shall come to any of your hands, you shall according to the said ordinances make a good, true, and plain account You shall not for malice, nor for love or affection, assess any person or persons in a greater or less sum than after the quality or quantity of the offence, according to your discretion and according to the ordinances of the company.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and obedient to the Bailiffs and Wardens of the guild or company of the art or mystery of Weavers, London, for the time being, and make due and true entries as the Bailiffs and Wardens thereof shall command you, without sparing any person for affection, lucre, or malice. You shall not deliver the copies of any books concerning the said guild or company of the said art or mystery, nor any articles whereby the fellowship of the said guild or company of the said art or mystery may take any hurt, neither show the same books to any manner of person or persons without the consent, commandment, or agreement of the Bailiffs and Wardens for the time being, and in each point so far as you can execute your office.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A BEADLE.

You shall swear that you'll be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and obedient and attendant to all the lawful commands of the Bailiffs, Wardens, and Assistants of the said guild or company of Weavers, London. You shall summon all such persons before them as you shall be commanded to do, without sparing any person for love or affection, reward, fear, dread, or promise of reward; the secrets and counsels of the said guild you shall keep and not disclose, neither shall you deliver copies of any books, orders, or other writings belonging to the said guild or company or shew the same to any without the command, license, or consent of the said Bailiffs and Wardens; and in all things you shall demean and behave yourself in your said office for the benefit and advantage of the said guild to the utmost of your knowledge and power.

So help you GOD.

WHEELWRIGHTS' COMPANY.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and to her heirs and lawful successors; and in all matters and things lawful and reasonable relating to the Company of Wheelwrights you shall be obedient to the Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Governors of the said company for the time being, and their successors, and shall readily appear upon all summonses by their Beadle or any other officer (except you have sufficient cause to be absent). All the lawful acts, ordinances, and orders made or to be made for the weal, rule, and good government of the said company you shall to

your power observe and keep, or else forthwith pay such fines and penalties as you shall, according to the said ordinances, forfeit by reason of your disobedience and breaking the same. You shall not do any wrong to any member of the said company in relation to the said trade, but shall behave yourself in your said trade well and honestly. So help you GOD.

PROVINCIAL TRADERS' GUILDS.

SOCIETY OF MERCHANT VENTURERS, BRISTOL.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER.

You shall be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors, and well and faithfully shall use and execute the office of master of the Company of Merchant Venturers within the city of Bristol, whereunto you are now chosen, (by virtue of letters patents,) so long as you shall continue in the said office.

You shall endeavour yourself to the uttermost of your power and knowledge to keep, maintain, and defend all the good and wholesome laws, statutes, and ordinances, made and to be made, as well touching the well governing of the said company, and the ordering of their goods, wares, and merchandizes, which shall be exported out of, or imported into, the kingdom of England and dominions of Wales, or either of them, as also touching the goods and merchandizes of all other persons trading to and from this city and port of Bristol, from time to time, as occasion and need shall require.

The franchises, liberties, privileges, and customs granted and belonging to the said company (which are good and laudable) you shall to your power keep and maintain, and the good and common profit of the said company shall wholly stand for and uphold as much as in you lieth, and equal rights you shall do to all persons in all cases and matters depending or being in question before you, concerning your said office, to your power, without favour, hatred, or partiality, showed to any. And all other things that do concern the office of Master of the said company, (so long as you shall continue therein) you shall well and truly use, execute, and perform, so near as God shall give you grace. So help you GOD, and by the contents of this Book.

OATH TAKEN BY THE WARDENS.

You and either of you shall be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors, and well and faithfully shall use and execute the office of Warden of the Company of Merchant Venturers within the city of Bristol, (whereunto you are now by letters patents elected and chosen,) during such time as you shall continue in the said office.

You shall be aiding and assisting to the Master of the said company for the time being in all things that may concern your offices to be done, and good and wholesome counsel and advice shall give in the making of such laws, ordinances, and constitutions as are and shall be ordained and enacted by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said company, as well for the good ordering of the said company, with their goods and merchandizes, as of all others trading to and from this city and port of Bristol, from time to time; and the same laws and ordinances, together with all other privileges, customs, and liberties granted and belonging to the said company, (that are good and laudable,) you shall endeavour yourself, to your power and knowledge, to keep and maintain. And you shall likewise, to your power, stand for and uphold the good and common profit of the said company in all things concerning your offices of Wardens, and neither for favour, affection, or hatred shall do to any man wrong. And all other things belonging to your offices of Wardens, so long as you shall continue therein, you shall well and faithfully do and perform, so near as God shall give you grace.

So help you GOD, and by the contents of this Book.

Oath taken by the Assistants.

You and every of you shall be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors, and truly shall use and exercise your several offices and places of Assistants of the Company of Merchant Venturers within the city of Bristol (whereunto by letters patents you are now elected and chosen) during such time as you shall continue in your several offices and places.

You shall from time to time give good and wholesome counsel and advice to the Master and Wardens of the said company in the making of laws, ordinances, and constitutions for the good government and well ordering of the said company, and of their goods and merchandizes, and of the goods and merchandizes of all others trading to and from this city and port of Bristol. And you shall to the uttermost of your power endeavour to keep and maintain the same laws and ordinances, and also all other liberties, privileges, and customs that are granted or do belong unto the said company, being good and laudable, and shall be assistant and aiding to the said Master and Wardens of your company for the benefit and common good and profit of the said company, the which you shall wholly stand for, uphold, and defend, as far forth as may lie in you to be done. And all such other things as do concern your several offices of Assistants of the said company (so long as you shall continue therein) you and every of you shall do, execute, and perform, so near as God shall give you grace.

So help you God, and by the contents of this Book.

COMPANY OF MERCHANTS, EDINBURGH.

Declaration made by the Master, Assistants, and Treasurer.

We, subscribers, elected master, assistants, and treasurer of the Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh, do hereby solemnly promise and declare that we will severally, faithfully, and diligently perform the duties of our respective offices as master, assistants, and treasurer of the said company so as to carry into effect the intentions and directions of the said company; and this we do in virtue of the statute in that behalf passed in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of King William IV., chapter 62, and of the resolutions passed at the general meeting of the company convened in terms of their statutes on the 28th day of January 1861, whereby this declaration is substituted and appointed to be subscribed in room of the oath *de fideli administratione* formerly administered to each of the master, assistants, and treasurer on admission, and to such persons as may be appointed to offices under the company.

CUTLERS' COMPANY, SHEFFIELD.

Oath taken by the Assistants.

You and each and every of you shall to the best of your ability, so far as you lawfully may, give and use your faithful advice and counsel to the Master and Wardens of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire, in the county of York, for the time being for the better execution of their said offices. And shall give and use your faithful aid and assistance in every respect as much as in you lieth and lawfully you may do for the due observance of all the good, lawful, and laudable acts, laws, and ordinances of the said Company according to the true intent and meaning of the same, without sparing or impeaching any person or persons whomsoever for affection or malice, or for or in respect of any reward or promise of reward, during the time you shall each of you hold the office of an Assistant.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Searchers.

You and each and every of you shall to the best of your ability justly, indifferently, and impartially keep, do, and execute and cause to be kept, done, and executed all and every the good, lawful, and laudable acts, laws, and

ordinances made for the regulation and government of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire, in the county of York, without sparing or impeaching any person or persons whomsoever for affection or malice, or for or in respect of any reward or promise of reward, during the time you shall each of you hold the office of a Searcher. And of all such goods chattels, and sums of money as by reason of your said office shall come to your or any of your hands you shall within a reasonable time deliver over into the hands and custody of the Master and Wardens for the time being of the said Company, or some one of them, and make a true, due, just, and plain account thereof.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER AND WARDENS.

You [and each of you] shall to the best of your ability justly, indifferently, and impartially keep, do, and execute and cause to be kept, done, and executed all and every the good, lawful, and laudable acts, laws, and ordinances made for the regulation and government of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire, in the county of York, without sparing or impeaching any person or persons whomsoever for affection or malice, or for or in respect of any reward or promise of reward during the time you shall hold the office of Master [*or* each of you hold the office of a Warden]. And of all such goods, chattels, and sums of money as by reason of your said office shall come to your hands [*or* to the hands of either of you], you according to the acts, laws, and ordinances above specified shall make a true, due, just, and plain account. And you shall not for malice, nor for love or affection, amerce any person in a greater or less sum than after the quantity and quality of his offence according to the said acts, laws, and ordinances.

So help you GOD.

MERCHANT TAYLORS' COMPANY, YORK.

OATH TAKEN BY A FREEMAN.

I doo promise and swear to be true to our Sovereigne Lord the King's Majesty, and at all times loveing and faithfull to the Society and Company of Merchant Taylors in the city of York, and obedient to the master and wardens thereof for the time being in all honest and faithfull things touching the affairs and business of that society, and I will be ready to come and appear before the said master and wardens, and such others as in the said company shall have rule and place above me, when I shall be by them commanded or otherways sumoned to appear by the beedall or other officers of that society, and especially upon all quarter days and other like assemblys of that company, and for all other matters or causes as I shall be warned or called unto for or touching the affairs of this company, unless I shall have a lawfull and reasonable excuse in that behalf. The lawfull secrets or councells of the said company I will conceale and not disclose to any, especially where the same may be to the hurt or prejudice of the said company or of any member thereof. And I will be contributary to all necessary charges, and ready to performe such services as I shall be reasonably required unto for such matters and business as shall concerne the service of His Majesty or the good of this company, bearing a part as a brother ought to doo. And I will accept and take upon me such places and offices in that society as I shall by due order be chosen unto, or else being thereunto required pay such fines or sumes of money as by ordinances of this society is appointed and limmitted for my refusall. I will take no apprentice but will cause him or her to be bound at the common hall, or before the master of this company, by the clark thereunto appointed, and at his or her term's end will be willing to make him or her free of this society, if he or she shall well and truely have served me and this company of Merchant Taylors. I will to my full skill, power, and abillity, uphold and maintaine. I will not know or suffer any manner of meettings, plotts, or devices against His Majesty, his heires or successors, or against the government or weale of this company, but I will to the uttermost of my power lett and hinder the same and spedily disclose it to the master or some of the wardens of the company for the time being. And this company I will keep harmeless in all that in me lyeth and all the ordinances

of this society made or to be made for the better government of the same and rattifyed according to the law of this realme, or otherwise lawfull to make and ordaine, I will, to the uttermost of my power, well and truely submitt myselfe unto and keep. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors, and to y^e^ master and wardens of the Society of Merchant Taylors within y^e^ the city of York; and at all times shall appear when y^o^ shall be sumoned by y^e^ beadle or beadls or other officer of the said society, or required by y^e^ master or wardens, or one of them, you shall be present in y^r^ own person with y^e^ said master and wardens at this common hall, or any other place within this city, to give y^r^ best advice and assistance for y^e^ weal of this society unless y^o^ shall be letted by a cause reasonable. You shall assist y^e^ master and wardens of this Society of Merchant Taylors for y^e^ time being in their oversight, rule, and government of the said company, so long as y^e^ shall continue one of the Assistants, with y^r^ best and soundest advice, and shall endeavour y^r^self to y^e^ uttermost of y^r^ skill and knowledge justly and indifferently to execute y^e^ said place of an Assistant in every respect, and to y^r^ power put into due execution all y^e^ good and lawfull ordinances of this society; you shall not reveal or impart to any p^r^son whatsoever any lawfull secrets of y^e^ said company, or any other thing as shall be lawfully spoken of y^e^ comon hall of this company or elsewhere to y^e^ prejudice of the same, or of other lawfull matters. And y^o^ shall do y^r^ best endeavours and cause to be done every man right and justice without partiality, without punishing or assessing any p^r^son for envy, hatred, or malice, or sparing any p^r^son for reward, favour, or affection, extortion or wrong under colour of y^r^ office; y^o^ shall none do; neither do anything that shall be against the State and peace of our Sovereign Lord y^e^ King, or y^e^ good and profitt of this society; and shall conceal and keep secret all such things as concern y^e^ weal of this society, and not disclose or reveal y^e^ same to y^e^ hurt of this society. You shall not dispose or consent to y^e^ disposall of y^e^ moneys, goods, or any part of y^e^ estate of y^e^ said society contrary to y^e^ orders or ordinances thereof, or to y^e^ prejudice of the said society, but shall do and endeavour to perform all such things as may be to y^e^ good, honour, and profit of y^e^ said Society of Merchant Taylors.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A SEARCHER.

You shall be just and true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and to her heirs and successors, and to the master and wardens of this Society of Merchant Taylors, in the citty of York; and you shall dillygently labour to the uttermost of yeur power for the creditt, weall, profitt, and good rule of this same society; and you and every one of you shall be ready at all times when the master sendeth for you for the benefit and weall of the society, for to labor and gather all entrys, dutys, and dews of all the fellowship or society, and all other things of right to be gathered of the said society, except that sickness hinder you, or any other reasonable excuse. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY A WARDEN.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, and at all times loveing and faithfull to the Society and Company of Merchant Taylors of the city of York, and obedient to the Master thereof for the time being in all honest and faithfull things touching the affairs and busyness of that society. You shall be ready to come and appear before the said master when you shall be by him commanded or otherwise sumoned by the beedall or other officer of that society, and especially upon all quarter days and other like assemblys of that society, unless you shall have a reasonable and lawfull excuse in that behalf. The lawfull secrets and councells of the said company you shall conceal and not disclose to any offecially where the same may be to the hurt and prejudice of the said Company. You shall endeavour to the uttermost of your power to put in execution the good and lawfull ordinances of this society.

You shall not dispose nor consent to the disposall of any part of the moneys, goods, or estate of the said society contrary to the ordinances thereof, or to the prejudice of the said society, without consent of the master and court of assistants. And of all such goods, plate, jewells, sums of money, or any other thing or things that by reason of your place shall come to your hands, charge, or custody, you shall, according to the ordinances of the said company, give a true and just accompt when you shall be thereunto required by the master and assistants of the said society, or else, being required, you shall pay the pains and penaltys according to the said ordinances. You shall neither doo, or to the best of your understanding consent to be done, anything to the hurt or disprofit of the same society, but doo and endeavour to be performed all things as may be to the honour, good, and profitt of the said society.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MASTER.

You shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors, and shall endeavour yourself to the utmost of your skill and knowledge justly and indifferently to execute the office of Master of the Society of Merchant Taylors within the city of York, and to your power putt in due execution all the good and lawfull ordinances of this society. You shall not reveal or impart to any person whatsoever any of the lawfull secrets of the said company, or any other thing that shall be lawfully spoken of at the comon hall of this company or elsewhere, to the prejudice of the same, or of other lawful matters, and you shall doo to your best endeavour and cause to be done every man right, and justice without partiality, and without punishing or assessing any person for envy, hatred, or malice, or sparing any person for reward, dread, favour, or affection. Extortion or wrong under colour of y^r^ office you shall none doo neither doo anything that shall be against the state and power of our Sovereign Lord the King or the good and profitt of this society. You shall conceal and keep secret all such things as concerns the weale of this society, and not disclose or reveale the same to the hurt of the said society. You shall neither doo nor attempt anything to be done by reason or colour of your place or office upon any hope or otherwise of your own profitt or advantage which may anyway tend to the disprofitt, loss, or hindrance of the said society. You shall not dispose or consent to the disposall of any part of the moneys, goods, or estate of the said society contrary to the orders and ordinances thereof or to the prejudice of the said society without the consent of the wardens and court of assistants of the said society. And of all such goods, plate, jewells, sums of money, or any other thing or things that by reason of your place or office shall come to your hands, charge, or custody, you shall, according to the ordinances made for or touching the same, make, yield, and deliver up a true and plain accompt within convenient time after you shall be thereunto required by the assistants of the said company for the time being, or else being required you shall pay the pains and penalties according to the same ordinances. You shall neither doo or to the best of your understanding consent to be done anything that may tend to the hurt or disprofitt of the same society, but doo and endeavour to be performed all things that may be to the good, honour, and profitt of the said Society of Merchant Taylors. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CLERK.

You shall sweare to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, and to his heirs and successors. You shall also be faithfull and loveing to the Fraternity or Society of Marchant Taylors of the city of York, whereof you are now chosen Clark; and dureing your continuance in office you shall conceale and keep secrett all lawfull matters, councells, and communications as the master, wardens, and assistants of this fellowship at theire court days, assemblies, and quarter days, in their common hall holden and kept, or at any other time or place within the said city as they shall appoint and agree upon, which be or tend to the good and profit of the said company, and which ought to be kept secrett within yourself. You shall not, so farr as in you lyeth, convey or carry, or suffer to be conveyed or carryed, from the hall or any other place any book or books, evedences, wrightings, or muniments appertaining or belonging to the same society,

or deliver any coppies thereof which may anyways tend to the prejudice or disprofit of the said company of Merchant Taylors. But you shall first acquaint and have the consent of the master for the time being and some of the wardens and assistants, and to the best of your understanding and power endeavour to prevent all matters whatsoever which might happen to the dishonour, prejudice or disprofit of the said society. You shall give your best councell to the master, wardens, and assistants for the time being in all things concerning the common weale and profit of this society to the best of your skill and knowledge, when you shall be thereof demanded, or occation shall require, and endeavour that the said master, wardens and assistants may not run into any error by your silence or want of true information. And you shall in all things well and faithfully carry and behave yourself in and about the execution of your said place and office to the best of your power and understanding during the time you shall hold and enjoy the same. So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BEADLE.

You shall be true to our Sovereigne Lady the Queen's Majesty, and obedient to the master, wardens, and assistance, and clark of the Company and Fellowshipe of Marchant Taylors in the citty of York; and you shall give notice and warning unto all and every one of the fellowshipe to apear at their common hall upon all quarter days, or such other times as the master shall think fit for a meeting there, or where the master shall apoint. You shall make distress or distresses of all offenders in the company when you shall receive orders from the master so to doe. You shall keep secret within yourselfe any matter or business that you may chance to hear at any of their courts or meetings, or at any other time or place where there is any discours about the concerns of the company; and you shall use your best endeavour as long so you shall continue Beedle for the good profitt and weall of the said Society of Marchant Taylors of this citty of York. So help you GOD.

COMPANY OF MERCHANT VENTURERS, YORK.

OATH TAKEN BY ONE OF THE NEW BRETHREN.

You swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors, and you shall be obedient to the Governor, his Deputy and Assistants for the time being of the Fellowship of the Merchants. You shall come to all courts and assemblies upon due warning, having no reasonable excuse to the contrary, or else shall pay such fine as is or shall be appointed for your default when it shall be demanded. You shall not willingly do, consent, or know to be done anything that may tend to the breach, violation, or impeachment of any of the privileges or grants given or to be given to this Company; and if you know of anything to be attempted or done to the contrary, you shall with all convenient speed discover and shew the same to the Governor or Deputy for the time being; the counsel and privities of the said Commonalty you shall well and truly keep, and all acts, ordinances, and institutions made and hereafter to be made and standing in force concerning the good government and orders of this Fellowship, or their goods, wares, or merchandises, you shall on your part maintain, support, and fulfil to your power and knowledge, or else shall pay such fines, pains, penalties, and mulcts, being accused, condemned, and orderly demanded, as for the offenders and violators of the same is or shall be ordained, provided, and established to be paid.

So help you GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY AN ASSISTANT.

Ye swear that you shall, without partiality, reward, or affection, indifferently hear, well weigh, and consider all such matters or causes which shall be brought before you; and you shall uprightly and truly judge between party and party, according to the trust committed. So far further as God shall give you understanding and knowledge, you shall not let so to do, either for awe, favour, dread, or displeasure.

So help you GOD.

Oath taken by a Warden.

Ye swear that ye shall well and truly raise and gather all such rents and farms and other duties belonging to this Fellowship, and make just and true accounts of all receipts and payments by you, or either of you, made for this year next ensuing: and ye shall neither lavern nor let any lands or tenements belonging to this Fellowship without the consent of Mr. Governor or Deputy and Assistants for the time being. And ye shall be true to the said Commonalty in all affairs, and let not for favour, love, or dread, but truly do all things that belongeth to your office to be done so far forth as God shall give you knowledge. And come to the Governor or Deputy at all times when ye shall be sent for; and for nothing let then ye shall do.

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Governor and Deputy.

Ye swear to be trusty and true to our Sovereign Lord King George, to his heirs and successors, and all freedoms, grants, and liberties granted, or to be granted, to the Governor, Assistants, and Fellowship of Merchants and Mercers of the city of York. Ye shall keep and maintain all your power and cunning, and ye shall be true to the said Commonalty in all manner of ordinances and rules lawfully made and to be made by the said Commonalty, and the same ye shall well and truly keep in your own person; and ye shall, by the advice of the Assistants, give true judgment in all matters that shall be put unto you between party and party, as far forth as God shall give you knowledge: you shall punish all persons that break the ordinances and rules of the said Commonalty, according to the ordinances made and to be made for the same; and the penalties ordained for the breakers of the said laws and ordinances ye shall cause to be levied as well upon the rich as upon the poor, and for nothing let them so to do. And ye shall assemble the Commonalty together as often as shall be needful for the weal of the said Commonalty, and ye shall do nothing without the advice of the Assistants that toucheth the said Commonalty, but all things that may be profit and worship to the said Commonalty ye shall do to the utmost of your power

So help you God.

Oath taken by the Secretary.

You shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and to her heirs and successors; you shall be obedient, diligent, and attendant to Mr. Governor and his Deputy of this Fellowship at all times convenient. You shall faithfully and truly set down and write in the register all the acts, ordinances, and constitutions of the said Fellowship which from time to time they shall enact, ordain, and constitute. You shall not give out any copies of any of the same acts without the assent of the Court of Assistants. You shall keep secret all matters talked and conferred in any Court of Assistants or otherwise; and if you shall know any person or persons who intend any hurt or prejudice to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, or to her land, or to the aforesaid Fellowship, or privileges of the same, you shall give knowledge thereof to the Governor or his Deputy. All these things you shall hold and keep to the uttermost of your power. So help you God.

Oath taken by the Serjeant.

You shall swear to be faithful and diligently serve and keep secret all such matters and causes as shall be given you in charge by Mr. Governor or his Deputy and Assistants, or Commonalty, and duly and truly execute the same which shall or doth appertain to your office by virtue of an act or acts made or to be made by the said Governor, Assistants, and the rest of the Fellowship of Merchants, and as near as in you lieth you shall learn to know them for the more perfect execution thereof. So help you God.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A.

The following paper contains an account—complete so far as the Returns to the Commission show—of the Oaths and Declarations now taken and made in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, with respect to which, inasmuch as recent legislation has conferred upon the several governing bodies powers for regulating their administration, the Commission refrain from offering any recommendation.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Oaths, Affirmations, and Declarations required to be taken by Officers of the University of Cambridge.

I. By the 1 William & Mary, c. 8. s. 5. it is enacted that "all persons that shall hereafter be admitted into any office or employment "ecclesiastical or civil, or come into any capacity in respect or by "reason whereof they should have been obliged by any statute to take "the said abrogated oaths, or either of them, shall take the oaths "hereby appointed, &c.;" and in section 12 of the same Act it is enacted that "the oaths that are intended and required to be taken by "this Act are the oaths in these express words hereafter following:"—

"I A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and "bear true allegiance to Her Majesty" Queen Victoria.

"So help me God."

"I, A.B., do swear that I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure as impious and heretical that damnable doctrine and position, that princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or any authority of the see of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their subjects, or any other whatsoever; and I do declare that no foreign prince, person, prelate, state, or potentate hath or ought to have any jurisdiction power, pre-eminence, or authority ecclesiastical or spiritual within this realm. So help me God."

By the 1 Elizabeth, cap. 1. sec. 19. the oath of the Queen's supremacy is required of "all and every archbishop, bishop, and all "and every other ecclesiastical officer and minister, of what estate, "dignity, pre-eminence, or degree soever he or they shall be."

II. By "Statutes framed by the Cambridge University Commissioners the 24th of March 1858, under the 19 & 20 Victoria, c. 88., "for the government of the said University," dated "Council Office, "7th June 1858," on page 9, section 6, of the printed copy of the said statutes, are the following provisions:—

"In Admissione ad Officia Cancellarii vel alius cujusvis Officiarii.

"Dabis fidem te bene et fideliter præstiturum omnia quæ spectent ad officium Cancellarii (vel alius cujusvis officiarii) Academiæ Cantabrigiensis."

Respondeat admittendus, "Ita do fidem."

"VICARII ALICUJUS.

"Dabis fidem te bene et fideliter præstiturum ea omnia ad quæ deputatus sis a Procuratore (vel alio quovis officiario) quatenus ad ejus officium spectent, quoad absit."

Respondeat admittendus, "Ita do fidem."

"LECTORIS.

"Dabis fidem te omnes et singulas ordinationes de lecturâ tuâ pro virili juxta vim, formam et effectum earundem observaturum."

Respondeat admittendus, "Ita do fidem."

III. In section 14 of the "Statutes for the Regius Professors of "Divinity, Hebrew, and Greek, confirmed by order of Her Majesty in "Council, May 10, 1860, is the following provision:—

"It shall be competent to the Vice-Chancellor, if at any time he shall see occasion to do so, to require any one of the three Professors appointed under this statute to subscribe to the three articles of the thirty-sixth canon in the form prescribed by the statutes of the University for candidates for degrees in divinity; and if after three requisitions such Professor shall refuse so to subscribe, his professorship shall thereupon become *ipso facto* void.

In section 13 of the statute for the Lady Margaret's professorship of divinity, and in section 13 of the statute for the Norrisian professorship of divinity, and in section 11 of the statute for Mr. Hulse's foundations it is provided that the Vice-Chancellor may, if he shall see occasion to do so, require the Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity, the Norrisian Professor of Divinity, and the Hulsean Professor of Divinity to subscribe to the three articles of the 36th canon in the manner described above.

OATHS, AFFIRMATIONS, and DECLARATIONS required to be taken by MEMBERS on Matriculation, and on taking different Degrees.

By the 19 & 20 Vict. c. 88. s. 45. it is enacted that "from the first "day of Michaelmas Term, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, "no person shall be required upon matriculating, or upon taking, or to "enable him to take, any degree in arts, law, medicine, or music, in "the said University, to take any oath, or to make any declaration or "subscription whatever, but such degree shall not, until the person "obtaining the same shall in such manner as the University may from "time to time prescribe have subscribed a declaration stating that he "is *bonâ fide* a member of the Church of England, entitle him to be "or to become a member of the senate, or constitute a qualification "for the holding of any office either in the University or elsewhere, "which has been heretofore always held by a member of the United "Church of England and Ireland, and for which such degree has "heretofore constituted one of the qualifications."

In accordance with the provisions of the Act, all Inceptors in Arts (M.A.), and all students proceeding to the degree of Master (LL.M.) or Doctor (LL.D.) in Civil Law, Master in Chirurgy (M.C.), or Doctor in Medicine (M.D.), who are desirous of becoming qualified to be members of the senate, or to hold any office in the University, are required to subscribe the following declaration:—

"We, whose names are hereunder written, do severally declare our-"selves *bonâ fide* members of the Church of England as by law "established."

B.D. and D.D.—In page 9, section 6, of "Statutes framed by the "Cambridge University Commissioners the 24th March 1858, under "the 19 & 29 Vict. c. 88., for the government of the said University," dated "Council Office, 7th June, 1858," is the following paragraph, under the heading "Professiones:"—

"In Admissione ad Gradum Doctoris in Theologia.

"In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego, A.B., ex animo amplector universam "Sacram Scripturam canonicam, Veteri et Novo Testamento compre- "hensam; omniaque illa, quæ vera ecclesia Christi scanta et apostolica, "verbo Dei subjecta et eodem gubernata, respuit, respuo; quæ tenet, "teneo, et in his omnibus ad finem usque vitæ perseverabo, Deo mihi "pro summa sua misericordia gratiam præstante, per Jesum Christum "Dominum nostrum."

On page 10 of the same statute, under the heading "Subscriptiones," are the following paragraphs:—

"Tres articuli canonis tricesimi sexti, et qua forma sunt subscribendi "ante admissionem ad gradum quemlibet in theologia."

"1. That the Queen's Majesty, under God, is the only supreme governor of this realm, and of all other Her Highness's dominions and countries, as well in spiritual or ecclesiastical things or causes as temporal; and that no foreign prince, person, prelate, state, or potentate hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence, or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within Her Majesty's said realms, dominions, and countries.

"2. That the Book of Common Prayer and of Ordering of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons containeth in it nothing contrary to the Word of God, and that it may lawfully be used; and that he himself will use the form in the said book prescribed in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, and no other.

"3. That he alloweth the Book of Articles of Religion agreed upon by the Archbishops and Bishops of both provinces and the whole Clergy in the Convocation holden at London in the year 1562, and that he acknowledgeth all and every the Articles therein contained, being in number thirty-nine, besides the ratification, to be agreeable to the Word of God.

"We, whose names are under-written, do willingly and *ex animo* subscribe to the three Articles before mentioned and to all things in them contained."

Oaths and Declarations required to be taken or made by Members of the different Colleges and Halls in the University of Cambridge.

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE.

No oath or affirmation, but a declaration only, is now required to be made by the Master or Fellows of this college upon admission to their respective places; neither oath, affirmation, or declaration is now required to be made by a scholar or undergraduate of this college.

These statutes were confirmed by the Queen in Council on August 27, 1860.

The declaration required to be made by the Master upon election is as follows:—

"I, M.N., elected (or appointed) Master of St. Peter's College, do solemnly declare that I will observe the statutes and ordinances of this college, and

cause them to be observed by others, as far as in me lies; and will observe and defend its rights, liberties, privileges, and possessions of whatsoever kind they be."

The three following declarations are required to be made by Fellows.

DECLARATION OF FELLOW ON ELECTION OF MASTER.

"I, M.N., do solemnly declare that without fear or favour I will choose as Master the person that shall be in my judgment best qualified according to the statutes to secure the good government of this college as a place of education, religion, and learning.

DECLARATION OF FELLOWS PREVIOUSLY TO ADMISSION.

Before a Fellow elect is admitted as a Fellow he shall make, in presence of the Master and Fellows, the following solemn declaration:—

"I, A. B., elected Fellow of St. Peter's College, declare that I am *bonâ fide* a member of the Church of England, and I do solemnly promise that I will observe all the statutes and ordinances of the college as far as in me lies; that I will be faithful and well disposed towards the college as long as I live, and will obey the Master thereof in all things lawful and proper."

DECLARATION REQUIRED OF FELLOWS IN RESPECT OF INCOME.

Every Fellow elect, and any Fellow when required as herein-after directed, shall make the following declaration in presence of the Master and Fellows:—

"I, A.B., Fellow elect [or Fellow] of St. Peter's College, solemnly declare that I have no permanent income, whether secular or ecclesiastical, the annual amount of which, severally or jointly, exceeds twice the annual value of a fellowship of the college estimated in the manner defined by the statutes.

CLARE COLLEGE.

The Scholars and Undergraduates of this college are not required to take any oath, or to make any affirmation or declaration whatsoever.

Neither the Master nor any of the Fellows is required to take any oath.

But each of the Fellows is required on being admitted to his fellowship to make the following declarations:—

(1.) "I, A.B., do declare myself to be a member of the United Church of England and Ireland."

(2.) "Profiteor quod statuta et ordinationes hujusce domus observantiasque ejusdem rationabiles et approbatas pro viribus firmiter observabo et observari faciam: quodque Magistro dictæ domus, aut ejus locum tenenti, obediens ero in licitis et honestis, et negotia dictæ domus mihi communiter vel divisim ad exsequendum commissa juxta sanam discretionem meam fideliter exsequar, honoremque et utilitatem dictæ domus, quantum in me sit, consilio meo et auxilio juvabo."

The Master on being admitted to the mastership is required to make the following declaration:—

"Profiteor Cancellario Academiæ Cantabrigiensis obedientiam in licitis et honestis; quodque officium mihi commissum sollicite et fideliter exsequar, ac statuta et ordinationes hujusce domus pro viribus observabo et faciam observari. Profiteor etiam me ex animo amplecti doctrinam et disciplinam Ecclesiæ unitæ Anglicanæ et Hibernicæ."

In common with the Masters and Fellows of all colleges, the Master and Fellows of this college are required by Act of Parliament before their admission to subscribe in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor of the University a declaration that they are *bonâ fide* members of the Church of England.

GONVILLE AND CAIUS COLLEGE.

By	Declaration.	Authority by which administered.	Oaths.
The Master on election.	"I, A.B., do solemnly declare that I am *bonâ fide* a member of the Church of England. I do accept the office of Master of Gonville and Caius College, and sincerely promise that I will discharge the duties thereof to the best of my judgment and ability."	College statutes framed in accordance with an Act 19 & 20 Vict., entitled "An Act "to make further "Provision for the "good Govern- "ment and Exten- "sion of the Uni- "versity of Cam- "bridge, &c."	None.
A Fellow upon becoming a Senior Fellow.	"I, A.B., do solemnly declare that I am *bonâ fide* a member of the Church of England, and I do sincerely promise that in addition to the duties of a Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, I will discharge the duties of a Senior thereof to the best of my judgment and ability."	The same - -	None.
A Fellow on election -	"I, A.B., do solemnly declare that I am *bonâ fide* a member of the Church of England, and I do sincerely promise that I will discharge the duties of a Fellow of Gonville and Caius College to the best of my judgment and ability."	The same - -	None.
A Scholar - -	None - - -	- - -	None.
An Undergraduate -	None - -	- - -	None.

TRINITY HALL.

The following are the only forms of declaration in use in Trinity Hall. They are appended in a schedule to "The Statutes of the College or Hall of the "Holy Trinity in the University of Cambridge," passed by an Order in Council dated June 30th 1860.

Form of Declaration on the Admission of the Master or of a Fellow.

Dabis fidem, quod omnia statuta hujus Collegii sive Aulæ Sanctæ Trinitatis fideliter, sine fraude et inviolabiliter observabis. Item quod fidelis eris in quocunque officio quod in collegio te habere contigerit in futurum.

Item, quod commodum et honorem dicti collegii et non contrarium, quam diu vixeris procurabis.

Resp. Ita affirmo et ita do fidem.

Form of Declaration on the Admission of a Scholar.

Dabis fidem, quod Custodi et Sociis hujus Collegii sive Aulæ Sanctæ Trinitatis comiter obtemperabis, atque animo paterno et benevolo erga cæteros scholares uteris.

Item, quod fidelis et diligens eris in omnibus perfungendis officiis quæ secundum statuta collegii, ad scholares pertinent.

Item, quod commodum et honorem dicti collegii et non contrarium, quam diu vixeris procurabis.

Resp. Ita affirmo et ita do fidem.

These declarations are administered under Statutes X. and XII. of the college.

Fellows of all colleges are bound by the Act of Uniformity to declare before the Vice-Chancellor that they will conform to the Liturgy of the Church of England.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE.

The two "professions" in use in this college are as follows:—

Professio Magistri.

Profiteberis quod officium Magistri sive Custodis pro tempore gubernationis tuæ fideliter præstabis. Statuta, ordinationes et consuetudines laudabiles hujus collegii quantum in te est salva observabis eademque statuta diligenter et fideliter exequeris; et ab aliis quantum in te est observari procurabis. Bona et possessiones dicti collegii fideliter custodies custodirique facies. Ita fidem dabis.

Professio Sociorum.

Ego (M.N.) profiteor me veram Christi religionem secundum regulam et doctrinam Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ ex animo amplecti auctoritatem regiam in omnibus hominibus et causis ejus dominationis summam et externorum episcoporum, principum, et potestatum quarumcunque jurisdictioni nullo modo subjectam æstimare. Ita do fidem.

Profiteor quod observabo omnia statuta et laudabiles consuetudines collegii nostri quamdiu in eo versatus fuerim. Et quod Magistro sive Custodi hujus collegii obediens ero in omnibus licitis et honestis. Et quod collegii honorem et utilitatem quantum in me est meo consilio et auxilio juvabo. Et quod secreta collegii quæ in damnum, infamiam, sive præjudicium ejusdem cedere possint nulli extra societatem revelabo nisi legitima auctoritate coactus. Ita fidem do.

There are no other oaths, affirmations, or declarations.

KING'S COLLEGE.

By the statutes now governing the college, which were framed under the provisions of the Act 19 & 20 Vict. c. 88., and received the assent of the Queen in Council, April 16, 1861, no oath whatsoever is now taken by any member of the college on any occasion.

The Provost, who need not necessarily be in holy orders, after his election is required, previous to his admission by the Visitor, to make the following declaration:—

"I, M.N., elected Provost of the College of the Blessed Mary and St. Nicholas, commonly called King's College, in the University of Cambridge, do solemnly profess and declare that I will govern and administer the college, its benefices, lands, tenements, and possessions, and all the property of the same, and maintain its rights, liberties, and privileges as far as in me lies, free from all detriment, loss, and diminution; that I will observe all the statutes of the said college and act in accordance with the same; that I will govern all the fellows, scholars, and other members of the college according to the statutes of the same without fear, or favour, or partiality in respect of any person whatsoever, and will endeavour to the utmost of my power that all other persons concerned in the government and administration of the college shall conform to the statutes of the same; that in case I should resign or be removed by

legitimate authority from the office of Provost, I will render up all the goods, property, and possessions of the college which have been in my charge and keeping to the Vice-Provost and other officers of the college."

The Provost elect is also bound by the Act of Uniformity (13 & 14 Charles II. c. 4. s. 9), on pain of forfeiting his office, to sign his name in a book kept by the Vice-Chancellor to the declaration* contained in the said Act of Uniformity, to the effect that he "will conform to the Liturgy of the Church of "England as it is now by law established."

The electors to fellowships in the college are by the provisions of C., Stat. 2. required to make the following declaration :—

"I do solemnly declare that I will vote for that person who is in my judgment the most fit to be a Fellow of the college as a place of religion, learning, and education."

A Fellow elect, previous to admission, is by the same statute required to make the following declaration before the Provost and Fellows assembled in the college chapel :—

"I, M.N., elected a Fellow of this college, do declare that I am *bonâ fide* a member of the Church of England, and I do solemnly profess and declare that I will observe all the statutes, rules, and regulations of the college ; that I will be faithful to the same, and do nothing that may be detrimental to it, but to the utmost of my power will maintain and support the interests of the same : that I will obey the Provost and all other officers of the college in all lawful commands and directions ; and that if I should hereafter be expelled or removed from my fellowship in accordance with the statutes of the college, I will not bring any suit or action either against the Provost or against any other member of the College on account of such expulsion, and will not appeal against the same except to the Visitor of the college in manner prescribed by the statutes."

A Fellow elect is also required, as in the case of the Provost, to sign his name in the Vice-Chancellor's book to the declaration required by the Act of Uniformity (13 & 14 Charles II., c. 4), "that he will conform to the Liturgy "of the Church of England as it is now by law established."

A scholar on the foundation promises on admission that he will observe the statutes of the college so far as they him concern. For other undergraduate members there is no form of admission.

No oaths or affirmations are now required from any of the annual officers of the college previous to entry upon their duties.

ST. CATHARINE'S COLLEGE.

No oath, affirmation, or declaration of any sort whatever has to be made by any scholar or other undergraduate of the college at any period of his academical career.

In the case of the Master, the college statutes (confirmed by Order of the Queen in Council, May 10, 1860), provide as follows :—

"Antequam ad administrationem aliquam per socios quovis modo admittatur, Magister sic electus vel nominatus professionem forma subscripta præstare teneatur :—

"Ego, N., do fidem quod Collegium sive Aulam Divæ Catharinæ Virginis, terras et tenementa, possessiones, redditus temporales et ecclesiasticos, jura et bona quæcunque collegii sive aulæ prædictæ regam, defendam, custodiam et gubernabo, et per alios regi, custodiri et gubernari faciam quantum potero. Item statuta ejusdem collegii edita, et in posterum edenda, firmiter observabo. Item collegium sive aulam prædictam cum omnibus bonis ejusdem contra omnes adversarios ejus quantum potero, tuebor et defendam. Et quantum in me fuerit correctiones, punitiones et reformationes justas et debitas faciam et exercebo, ac per alios fieri et exerceri, quantum in me est, curabo."

* The first part of the declaration as contained in the Act of Charles II. was abolished by 1 William & Mary, session 1, chapter 8, section 11. The latter part was discontinued in 1673.

In the case of Fellows, the words of the statutes are as follows: —

" In electione cujuslibet socii in prima admissione sua antequam admittatur professionem præstet in hac forma :—

Ego, N., do fidem quod omnia statuta et ordinationes Collegii sive Aulæ Divæ Catharinæ Virginis, quatenus me concernunt, pro viribus observabo, et quantum in me est ab aliis sociis faciam observari; Magistro seu Præfecto dicti collegii sive aulæ, qui pro tempore fuerit, in iis quæ ad officium ipsius et statuta collegii prædicti pertinent obtemperabo; bonorum, terrarum, possessionum ac reddituum ejusdem collegii conservationem, defensionem, et amplificationem, quantum in me est, procurabo."

Besides this, the Master and Fellows have, upon admission, in accordance with the Act of Uniformity, to " sign the Vice-Chancellor's book," which amounts to a declaration of conformity to the Liturgy of the Church of England as by law established.

CHRIST'S COLLEGE.

I. By Act of Parliament, 13 & 14 Charles II. c. 4., and 1 William & Mary, c. 8, the Master elect before assuming his office, and a Fellow elect before admission, must make the following declaration before the Vice-Chancellor of the University :—

" I do declare that I will conform to the Liturgy of the Church of England as it is now by law established ;"

And must take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy.

II. The following declarations or " professiones " are prescribed by the statutes of the college :—

1. At the election of the Master the statute " De qualitate novi Magistri vel " Custodis eligendi " having been read, each of the electors, who are the Fellows of the college, must make the following " professio " before voting :—

" Ego, M.N., polliceor me in hujus collegii Magistrum electurum illum virum, quem statutum antelectum significare et apertius describere mea conscientia judicabit, et optimum esse ad collegii commodum et honorem promovendum: omni illegitima affectione, timore, odio, spe, et amore postpositis.

" Ita bona fide polliceor et ita do fidem."

2. The Master elect, before assuming his office, must make the following " professio :"—

" Ego, M.N. polliceor me Collegium Christi, cujus nunc sum electus Magister et Custos, diligenter et fideliter administraturum juxta vires et industriam meam; parique modo illius bona omnia, terras, tenementa, possessiones, reditus spirituales et temporales, juraque, libertates, et privilegia, cæteras quoque res universas tam mobiles quam immobiles, curaturum; correctiones præterea, et punitiones, ac reformationes, quoties et quo loco eas fieri conveniat, omni personarum acceptione postposita, juste executurum, juxta statuta pro collegio administrando edita; quæ statuta omnia et ordinationes universas collegii pro virili enitar tam a meipso quam ab aliis integre inviolateque observari.

" Ita bona fide polliceor, et hæc omnia in me recipio."

3. At the election of a Fellow the statute " De Sociorum Qualitate " having been read, each of the electors, who are the Master and Fellows, must make the following " professio " before voting :—

" Ego, M.N., polliceor me in Socium hujus collegii electurum illum virum, quem statutum antelectum significare et apertius describere mea conscientia judicabit, et optimum esse ad collegii commodum et honorem promovendum.

" Ita bona fide polliceor et ita do fidem."

4. A Fellow elect, before his admission, must make the following "profession:"—

"Ego, M.N., Socius hujus collegii electus, polliceor me statuta omnia et singula pro Collegio administrando edita, quantum in me fuerit, bona fide observaturum; Magistro in omnibus obtemperaturum, quæcunque legitime præceperit; omnia denique, e quibus collegio commodi vel honoris accessio aliqua fieri possit, pro virili parte provecturum.

"Ita bona fide polliceor, et hæc omnia in me recipio."

5. At the election of a Scholar the statute "De Discipulorum Qualitate et Electione" having been read, each of the electors, who are the Master and Fellows, must make the following "professio" before voting:—

"Ego, M.N., polliceor me in Discipulum hujus collegii electurum illum juvenem, quem statutum antelectum significare et apertius describere mea conscientia judicabit, et optimum esse ad collegii commodum et honorem promovendum.

"Ita bona fide polliceor et ita do fidem."

6. A Scholar elect, before his admission, must make the following "professio:"—

"Ego, M.N., Discipulus hujus collegii electus, polliceor me omnia collegii statuta et ordinationes, quæ ad me pertineant, bona fide observaturum; Magistro in omnibus comiter obtemperaturum, quæcunque legitime præceperit; sociis omnibus et singulis reverentiam justam et honorem debitum præstiturum; collegio denique ipsi fidelem et benevolum futurum.

"Ita bona fide polliceor, et hæc omnia in me recipio."

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

The following is a list of the "oaths, affirmations, and declarations" required to be taken or made by the Master, Fellows, or Scholars of this college by the existing statutes of the college, which statutes were framed in pursuance of the Cambridge University Act, 19 & 20 Vict. c. 88.:—

1. A solemn declaration, at the time of the election of a Master of the college, by the Fellows being electors then present to choose the person best qualified.

1. "I, M.N., do solemnly declare that I will choose as Master the person that shall be in my judgment best qualified according to the statutes to secure the good government of this college as a place of education, religion, and learning."

2. A declaration by the Master elect, in Latin, of some length.

2. "Ego, N.N., huic Collegio Divi Johannis promitto ac spondeo. Primo me veram Christi religionem ex animo complexurum; Scripturæ auctoritatem hominum judiciis præpositurum; regulam vitæ ac summam fidei ex verbo Dei petiturum; cætera, quæ ex verbo Dei non probantur, pro humanis et non necessariis habiturum; auctoritatem regiam in hominibus summam, et externorum episcoporum jurisdictioni minime subjectam æstimaturum, et contrarias verbo Dei opiniones omni voluntate ac mente refutaturum; deinde me omnia dicti collegii beneficia, fundos, prædia, possessiones, dominia, proventus, jura, libertates, privilegia, omnia denique bona sine imminutione et vastatione quantum in me situm erit, conservaturum et administraturum; statuta hujus collegii pro virili in omnibus servaturum, iisque omnibus quæ ex eorum præscripto gerentur meum assensum accommodaturum, omnesque et singulos, socios, et scholares, et discipulos, pensionarios, sizatores, et subsizatores, et cætera collegii membra, ex iisdem legibus ac statutis, sine ullius generis aut conditionis aut personarum respectu, gratia, aut odio, recturum, et defensurum; atque ut prædicta omnia legitime et salutariter ab aliis administrentur et defendantur curaturum; tum neque in meis, neque in alienis negotiis, amplius quinque in anno mensibus a collegio abfuturum (nisi vel Collegii vel regni negotia, vel regia auctoritas me alio avocaverit, aut vis, morbus, contagium, aut alia quæpiam causa necessaria, ab octo senioribus aut majore eorum parte approbanda, impediverit); denique si loco motus fuero aut si sponte cessero, me omnia collegii bona, quæ in potestate

mea sunt aut esse debent, præsidi et quæstoribus sive thesaurariis collegii, vel statim, si id commode fieri possit, vel intra quindecim dies, sine controversia et imminutione redditurum; postremo promitto, si munere Magistri jure ac legitime abdicatus fuero, me nullam litem actionemve in foro ecclesiastico seu seculari collegio, aut his, qui me legitime abdicarunt, ea de causa unquam in posterum intentaturum; hæc omnia in me recipio, meque pro virili facturum polliceor."

3. A solemn declaration by college officers, after their election, that they will discharge the duties of their respective offices faithfully and according to the statutes.

3. "The day after the election, or as soon after as they shall severally return to college, all the persons elected shall make, in the presence of the Masters and Seniors, a solemn declaration that they will discharge the duties of their respective offices faithfully and according to the statutes."

4. A solemn declaration, at the time of election of any Fellow, by the electors that they will vote for the most fit person.

4. "I do solemnly declare that I will vote for that person who is, in my judgment, the most fit to be a Fellow of the college, as a place of religion, learning, and education."

5. Every Fellow elect, before his admission to be Fellow, makes two declarations,—

i. That he is *bonâ fide* a member of the Church of England.

ii. A declaration in Latin, of some length.

5. i. "Every Fellow previously to his admission shall declare that he is *bonâ fide* a member of the Church of England, and shall also make the following declaration:"—

ii. "Ego, N.N., huic Collegio Divi Johannis promitto ac spondeo; primo me veram Christi religionem ex animo amplexurum; Scripturæ auctoritatem hominum judiciis præpositurum; regulam vitæ et summam fidei ex verbo Dei petiturum; cætera, quæ ex verbo Dei non probantur, pro humanis et non necessariis habiturum; auctoritatem regiam in hominibus summam et externorum episcoporum jurisdictioni minime subjectam æstimaturum; et contrarias verbo Dei opiniones omni voluntate ac mente refutaturum; deinde me omnia hujus collegii statuta, præscriptiones, ritus, consuetudines laudabiles servaturum; præterea me huic collegio fidelem futurum; nec ullum ei damnum aut incommodum allaturum; aliorum consilia, coitiones, conjurationes, facta seu acta quæ detrimentum aut infamiam collegio inferant, repulsurum; magistratui ei, qui de eo cognoscere debet, renunciaturum; tum Magistro et Præsidi reliquisque qui mihi præficientur, in omnibus legitimis honestisque, morem gesturum et dignam debitamque legibus et statutis omnibus reverentiam exhibiturum. Promitto insuper quod non resignabo societatem meam mercede aut precio, dato, soluto, promisso aut expectato adductus, aut sub pacto aliquo qualicunque, sed, si locum relinquam, sponte decedam, liber et absolute integer ab omni muneris aut mercedis solutione aut datione, et ab omni pollicitatione incorruptus. Quod si contingat me posthac propter contemptum, rebellionem, inobedientiam, malos mores, vel alia merita, vel propter causas in præsentibus statutis contentas per Magistrum vel alios in hujusmodi negotiis habentes interesse, corrigi aut puniri, aut a dicti collegii sustentatione et societate secundum formam statutorum excludi, expelli, vel amoveri, ipsum Magistrum, aut aliam personam ullam, occasione expulsionis aut amotionis hujusmodi, nunquam persequar, molestabo, seu inquietabo per me, alium vel alios, nec ab aliis molestari, vexari, seu inquietari procurabo in foro ecclesiastico seu seculari, seu alio quocunque modo. Omni quoque querelæ et appellationi ad alium quemcunque judicem vel judices præter reverendum in Christo Patrem Episcopum Eliensem, collegii Visitatorem, in vim pacti renuntio. Denique omnia mihi imposita a Magistro et Senioribus munera suscipiam, eaque summa cum fide et diligentia administrabo. Hæc omnia in me recipio, meque sedulo facturum promitto ac spondeo."

6. A declaration by Scholars elect, at the time of their admission, in Latin, of some length.

6. "Ego, N.N., in Collegium Divi Johannis Evangelistæ in Universitate Cantabrigiæ electus in Scholarem, promitto quod omnia statuta dictum

collegium concernentia, edita, et decreta secundum planum, literalem et grammaticalem sensum et intellectum ipsorum quantum ad me pertinet inviolabiliter observabo, ac quantum in me fuerit faciam ab aliis observari. Item quod nulla conventicula, conspirationes nec confœderationes seu pactiones aliquas contra magistrum, præsidem, socium, scholarem, vel discipulum hujus collegii illicite faciam, nec ipse fieri procurabo, seu permittam ab aliis fieri quantum in me fuerit; nec facientibus ipsa vel eorundem aliquod dabo auxilium, consilium, vel favorem, aut iisdem scienter interesse præsumam, nec ipsis consentiam tacite vel expresse, sed tranquillitatem, pacem, commodum et honorem hujus collegii et sociorum, scholarium ac discipulorum unitatem, quantum in me fuerit, et ad me pertinuerit, viis et modis quibus potero conservabo, et ab aliis conservari procurabo; item quod magistro, præsidi, decanis, lectori et aliis meis superioribus in dicto collegiio in lictis et honestis, præsertim quatenus statuta ejusdem jubent aut requirunt, obedientiam et reverentiam debitam impendam. Quod si contingat me (quod absit) propter mea demerita secundum exigentiam præsentium statutorum ab hoc collegio expelli seu amoveri, nunquam ipsum collegium, magistrum, præsidem, seu aliquem ejusdem collegii, occasione expulsionis seu amotionis hujusmodi, per me, alium vel alios persequar, molestabo, sive inquietabo. Item quod omnia et singula statuta dicti collegii, quantum ipsa me concernunt, fideliter observabo; alioqui pœnas, monitiones, correctiones, in eis vel secundum formam et exigentiam eorundem inflictas, sine contradictione quacunque subibo, et me humiliter subiturum promitto."

No "oath, affirmation, or declaration" is required of any undergraduate not being a scholar.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

Under the College Statutes.

The Master on his admission, and before entering upon the administration of the college, makes a solemn declaration, in the presence of the assembled Fellows, in the following words:—

"Ego, N.N., a Regia Majestate Magister hujus Collegii Sanctæ et Individuæ Trinitati dedicati, designatus, promitto, ac spondeo, primo, me veram Christi religionem ommi animo amplexurum, Scripturæ auctoritatem hominum judiciis præpositurum, regulam vitæ et summam fidei ex verbo Dei petiturum, cætera, quæ ex verbo Dei non probantur, pro humanis habiturum, auctoritatem regiam in hominibus summam, et externorum episcoporum jurisdictioni minime subjectam æstimaturum, et contrarias verbo Dei opiniones omni voluntate ac mente refutaturum; vera consuetis, scripta non scriptis, in religionis causa antehabiturum: deinde, me omnia dicti collegii sacerdotia, fundos, prædia, possessiones, dominia, reditus, proventus, jura, libertates, privilegia, omnia denique bona sine imminutione aut vastatione, quantum in me situm erit, conservaturum; statuta hujus collegii in omnibus observaturum, et eadem vere, sincere, et omnino secundum sensum grammaticalem interpretaturum: omnes et singulos socios, discipulos, pensionarios, sisatores, subsisatores, et cætera collegii membra, ex eisdem statutis ac legibus, sine ullius generis aut conditionis aut personarum respectu, gratia, odiove, recturum, et defensurum; atque ut officiarii omnes, socii ac discipuli, cæteraque collegii membra diligenter sumn faciant officium curaturum: tum me neque meis neque alienis negotiis amplius quinque in anno mensibus a collegio abfuturum, nis vel collegii vel regni negotia, vel regia auctoritas me alio avocaverit, aut vis morbus, contagio, aut alia quæpiam causa necessaria, ab octo collegii senioribus, aut majore parte eorum, approbanda, impediverit: postremo, si munere Magistri vel sponte abiero, vel jure et legitime abdicatus fuero, me omnia collegii bona, quæ in mea potestate custodiave sunt aut esse debent, Vice-Magistro, decanis, et thesaurariis collegii, vel statim, si id commode fieri poterit, vel intra quindecim dies, sine controversia, tergiversatione, aut aliqua eorundem diminutione rediturum; et si quam pecuniæ summam id temporis collegio debuero, obsides sufficientes daturum Vice-Magistro et cæteris collegii sociis ac scholaribus de eadem pecunia penitus ante finem trium mensium proxime sequentium dissolvenda: nullam litem actionemve collegio, aut iis

qui me legitime abdicarunt, ea de causa unquam in posterum intentaturum. Hæc omnia in me recipio, meque pro virili facturum polliceor.

All Fellows previously to their admission shall make a solemn declaration in the following words :—

"Ego, N.N., promitto, me veram Christi religionem omni animo amplexurum, Scripturæ auctoritatem hominum judiciis præpositurum, regulam vitæ et summam fidei ex verbo Dei petiturum, cætera, quæ ex verbo Dei non probantur, pro humanis habiturum, auctoritatem regiam in hominibus summam, et externorum episcoporum jurisdictioni minime subjectam, æstimaturum, et contrarias verbo Dei opiniones omni voluntate ac mente refutaturum ; vera consuetis, scripta non scriptis, in religionis causa antehabiturum : deinde, me omnia hujus collegii statuta, leges, ritus, atque laudabiles consuetudines, quæ ad me pertinebunt, servaturum : item, me huic collegio fidelem et benevolum futurum ; ei et omnibus Sociis ac Discipulis, atque etiam Magistro ejusdem, non solum dum in eo vixero, sed etiam postea, pro virili cum opus sit, benevolentiam et opem præstiturum ; nullum collegio damnum incommodumve unquam allaturum ; aliorum consilia, coitiones, conjurationes, insidias, facta ac dicta, quæ collegium detrimento et infamia afficiant, quantum potero, repulsurum, ac officiariis collegii, qui de ejusmodi rebus cognoscere ac decidere debent, renunciaturum : et si propter aliquod crimen e collegii per consensum Magistri et octo Seniorum, vel majoris partis eorum, eo modo quo in statutis collegii declaratum est, expulsus fuero, me neque ad alium judicem judicesve appellaturum, aut Magistro collegii, aut Socio alicui, litem aut actionem unquam in posterum ea de causa intentaturum : tum Magistro, Vice-Magistro, Senioribus, reliquisque officiariis in omnibus legitimis honestisque rebus morem gesturum, et dignam debitamque reverentiam eis et honorem delaturum : denique me omnia mihi imposita a Magistro et Seniorum cœtu munera suscepturum, eaque summa cum fide et diligentia administraturum. Hæc omnia in me recipio, meque sedulo facturum promitto ac spondeo."

Each Scholar previous to his admission shall make a solemn declaration in the following words:—

"Ego, N.N., promitto, me omnia hujus collegii statuta, leges, ritus, atque laudabiles consuetudines, quæ ad me pertinebunt, servaturum : item, me huic collegio fidelem et benevolum futurum, ei et omnibus Sociis ac Discipulis, atque etiam Magistro ejusdem, non solum dum in eo vixero, sed etiam postea, pro virili, cum opus sit, benevolentiam et opem præstiturum ; nullum collegio damnum incommodumve allaturum ; aliorum consilia, coitiones, conjurationes, insidias, facta ac dicta, quæ collegium detrimento et infamia afficiant, quantum potero, repulsurum ; atque officiariis, qui de ejusmodi rebus cognoscere et decidere debent, renunciaturum : et si propter aliquod crimen e collegio per consensum Magistri et octo Seniorum, vel majoris partis eorum, eo modo quo in statutis collegii declaratum est, expulsus fuero, me neque ad alium judicem judicesve appellaturum, neque Magistro collegii Sociove alicui litem aut actionem unquam in posterum ea de causa intentaturum : tum Magistro, Vice-Magistro, Senioribus, reliquisque officiariis in omnibus legitimis honestisque rebus morem gesturum, et dignam debitamque reverentiam eis et honorem delaturum : denique me omnia mihi imposita a Magistro et octo Seniorum cœtu munera suscepturum, eaque summa cum fide et diligentia administraturum. Hæc omnia in me recipio, meque sedulo facturum promitto ac spondeo."

Statute XII. (p. 10) also requires a declaration from the following officers on their annual election, viz., from the Vice-Master, Deans, Bursars, and Steward. The form is administered by the Master or Vice-Master, and is as follows :—"Dabis fidem te munus (Vice-Magistri . . .) fideliter et omnino "secundum statuta executurum." To which answer is made, "Ita do fidem." The same declaration is made generally, but not universally, by the College Examiners. These officers, under the former statutes (repealed by Statute LII., p. 38), were called Lectores, and were required to take oath (as, in fact, all the persons now making declarations were) to the same general effect. But though the declaration has been statutably imposed on the Vice-Master, Deans, &c., it has not been on any other officers, and it is only by usage and

not under any authority that the Lectores still make a declaration. As a matter of fact many of them omit to do so.

Such of the Fellows as have their rights reserved under Statute XXXVII. are still admitted to the seniority under oath as in old times, the form in use being that prescribed by the former statutes, viz., "Jurabis te munus Senioris "fideliter," &c. But hitherto no person who is entirely under the operation of the new statutes has been created a Senior, and it is conceived that such Fellows, when elected to the seniority, will make neither oath nor declaration, there being no statutory provision for either.

SIDNEY COLLEGE.

No oaths whatever are required to be taken in Sidney College. By the new statutes each Fellow elect is required to *declare* that he is *bonâ fide* a member of the Church of England, and upon that declaration he is admitted.

DOWNING COLLEGE.

No oaths or affirmations are required to be taken or made by the Master Fellows, Scholars, and Undergraduates of Downing College, or any of them.

By authority of the existing statutes of the college the following declarations are required to be made :—

I. To the Vice-Chancellor of the University by the Master of the college on his election :—

"I, A.B., do solemnly declare that I am *bonâ fide* a member of the Church of England, and I do sincerely promise that I will truly and faithfully execute the office of Master of Downing College, and discharge the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability."

II. To the Master, or, in his absence, to the Vice-Chancellor of the University, by each of the Professors on his election :—

"I, A.B, do solemnly declare that I am *bonâ fide* a member of the Church of England, and I do solemnly promise that I will truly and faithfully execute the office of Professor of (Law or Physic) in Downing College, and discharge the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability."

In the presence of the Master or Vice-Master and one or more of the electors, by each Fellow on his election :—

"I, A.B., do sincerely promise that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of a Fellow of Downing College, according to the best of my judgment and ability."

No declaration is required to be made by any Scholar or Undergraduate.

No returns have been sent from the following colleges :—

PEMBROKE.
QUEEN'S.
JESUS.
MAGDALENE.
EMMANUEL.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

STATEMENT of OATHS, DECLARATIONS, &c. required to be taken by the OFFICERS of the UNIVERSITY of OXFORD.

1. The High Steward, the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro Vice-Chancellors, the Proctors, and the Pro Proctors make and sign the declaration in

lieu of the sacramental test (9 Geo. 4. cap. 17.) upon their admission to office.

2. The Chancellor, the High Steward, the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro Vice-Chancellors, the Proctors, the Pro Proctors, the Principals of Halls, the Clerks of the Market, and all the Professors take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy on their admission to office.

3. The Chancellor, the High Steward, the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro Vice-Chancellors, the Proctors, the Pro Proctors, the Assessor, the Registrar, and the Proctors of the Chancellor's Court, the Keeper of the Archives, the Public Orator, the Registrar of the University, the Professors, the Clerks of the Market, the Bedels, the Examiners and Moderators, the Masters of the Schools, the Principals of Halls, the Bodleian Librarian and Under Librarians take the oath of office on their admission.

4. The Candidates for the degree of Doctor or Bachelor in Divinity, Doctor in Civil Law, Doctor in Medicine, Master of Arts, whether as actual members of the University or by incorporation, take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and also the oath to conform to the statutes of the University.

5. Bachelors of Arts or Law, Medicine, and Music, Students of Civil Law, and Medicine, make a declaration to the effect that when admitted to the Bodleian Library they will treat the property therein properly.

6. The Proctors in the cases of elections in convocations to University appointments, take an oath to make proper returns.

7. The Sheriff and Under Sheriff of the County of Oxford take an oath to the Vice-Chancellor to defend the privileges of the University on their admission to office each year.

8. The Fellows and Scholars on their admission, after or before probation, as the case may be, at certain colleges take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and also the oath or declaration required by the college ordinances.

9. The Vice-Chancellor as returning officer for the University takes the usual oath at an election for burgesses.

Oaths and Declarations required to be taken or made by Members of the different Colleges and Halls in the University of Oxford.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

The following oaths are required by the statutes of the college :—

The Master and each of the Foundation Fellows have to take the following oath on their election :—

Tu dabis fidem ad observandum statute, privilegia, consuetudines, et libertates istius collegii.

Resp. Do.

Item tu jurabis, quod non fovebis adversantes statutis, privilegiis, consuetudinibus, aut libertatibus istius domus, sed ea quantum in te est, defendes, pariter ac fovebis.

Resp. Juro.

Item hæc omnia te fideliter observaturum promittes, sicut Deus te adjuvet, et Sancta Dei Evangelia.

Resp. Promitto.

The Bursar of the college on his admission to the office :

Tu dabis fidem quod omnia ad officium Bursarii hujus collegii spectantia hoc anno fideliter et diligenter præstabis.

Resp. Do.

Item tu dabis fidem, quod de omnibus receptis et expensis hujus anni, et de omnibus collegii bonis tuæ fidei commissis, fidelem et strictum computum reddes corsam Auditoribus competentibus, et tempore per statuta requisito, sicut Deus te adjuvet tactis sacrosanctis Ejus Evangeliis.

Resp. Do.

No oath is required to be taken by the scholars, undergraduates, and servants of the college on admission to their several offices; but each scholar and undergraduate promises, when he enters his name in the admission register, "Se fideliter observaturum statuta et laudabiles consuetudines collegii."

BALLIOL COLLEGE.

Under ordinances framed by the Oxford University Commissioners, June 1856 and March 1857, all the oaths then required to be taken were abolished, and the following oaths and declarations substituted:—

The Master, on his admission, takes an oath—

"That he will faithfully perform the duties of the office, and obey the statutes and byelaws of the college in force for the time being, so far as they concern him."

The Fellows, before electing to the office of Master, take an oath—

"That they will elect the person best qualified, in their judgment, for the same."

Every probationer Fellow, on his election, makes the following declaration:—

I, A.B., promise to observe the statutes and byelaws of the college, so far as they concern me.

Every actual Fellow, on admission to his fellowship, makes the following declaration:—

I, A.B., will be true and faithful to the college of Balliol, and promote its interests and studies by every means in my power.

MERTON COLLEGE.

The Warden of Merton has been accustomed, on his admission to the wardenship, to take an oath in the following terms, viz.:—

"Not only to renounce and reject all, and all manner of foreign jurisdiction, power, authority, and superiority, and to bear faithful and true allegiance to His or Her Majesty according to the force, tenor, and effect of an Act of Parliament of this kingdom of Great Britain, in that case made and provided, but also to observe the statutes and ordinances of the said college, according to the foundation thereof."

This oath is administered to the Warden by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Visitor of the College.

Every Fellow is required, on admission to his fellowship, to make before the Vice-Chancellor the declaration enjoined by the Act of Uniformity; he is also required to make before the Warden, under the 12th and 36th sections of the Ordinance framed by the Oxford University Commissioners, a declaration that he is not possessed of property, real or personal, such as would disqualify him under the former section from retaining his fellowship; and that he will faithfully perform the duties of a Fellow, and obey the statutes and byelaws of his college in force for the time being, so far as they concern him.

No other oath or declaration is required to be taken or made by the Warden, Fellows, Postmasters, Undergraduates, or other persons officially connected with the College.

EXETER COLLEGE.

The Rector of Exeter on his admission to office is required to take the following oath under the authority of the regulations and ordinances for

the amendment of the statutes made by the Rector and scholars under 17 & 18 Vict. c. 81. and approved by the Commissioners:—

I, A.B., Rector elect of Exeter College in the University of Oxford, do swear faithfully and truly to observe and to cause to be observed by all those subject to my authority within the said college, whether Fellows, scholars, commoners, or servants, all the statutes and byelaws of the said college severally pertaining to them. I swear also faithfully and sedulously to watch over the interests of this college as a place of learning and education, and diligently to guard the said college from detriment in respect of all lands, tenements, monies, rights, liberties, privileges, and possessions, whether secular or ecclesiastical which, by virtue of my office, shall be committed to my charge. So help me GOD.

If the Rector elect refuses to take this oath, the election is null and void to all purposes, and another election takes place.

The Fellows before electing to the office of Rector take the following oath:—

I, A.B., swear that I will faithfully and conscientiously elect to the office of Rector him whom I believe to be the best fitted for that office by statutable and also by personal qualifications. So help me GOD.

On admission to their fellowships they are required to take the following oath:—

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully observe all the statutes and ordinances of this college so far as they concern myself, and I will, so far as in me lies, cause them to be observed by others. I will render due obedience to the injunctions, interpretations, and expositions of doubtful points in the statutes given by the Visitor. I will obey the Rector, Subrector, and other my superiors in college in all things lawful and honest. I will defend the rights, liberties, possessions, and good fame of the college. I will be faithful and diligent in the discharge of the duties of any office committed to me. In the election of Fellows I will without partiality vote for those whom I believe to possess the highest moral and intellectual qualifications. So help me GOD.

No oaths are taken by the Fellows as officers of the college, nor are any oaths taken by members or servants of the college.

ORIEL COLLEGE.

Under the Acts 13 & 14 Car. II., c. 4. ss. ix. x., and 1 W. & M. Sess. 1. c. 8. s. xi., the Provost and Fellows on their respective admission to their Headship or Fellowships are bound to subscribe before the Vice-Chancellor of the University to the declaration of conformity.

"I, A.B., do declare that I will conform to the liturgy of the Church of "England, as it is now by law established."

Also under the Act 1 Geo. Stat. 2, c. 13, ss. 1, 2, the Head and Fellows and all members of the foundation of the College and exhibitioners, if of 18 years of age, are required to take the oaths of allegiance, and supremacy and abjuration. The two former oaths have been taken immediately on their admission to their respective places, the oath of abjuration they have been admonished to take afterwards in open court.

The oaths of allegiance and supremacy were administered to them separately in the terms of the Act previously to the passing of the Act of 1858, the 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48; but subsequently, according to the form set forth in the last mentioned Act, combining in one form the substance of the three above mentioned oaths.

Every Fellow upon his admission makes the following declaration.—

"I, A.B., declare that I will faithfully obey the statutes and byelaws of the "College in force for the time being, so far as they concern me."

This declaration is made in conformity with Clause 41 of the Ordinance, framed in relation to Oriel College by the commissioners appointed for the purpose of the Statute 17 & 18 Vict. c. 81.

The same declaration will be made by the Provost upon admission to his office.

Oaths were formerly taken by persons admitted to various offices or places in the College, but have all been discontinued for the last 50 years or thereabouts, and will not be revived. Nor will any declaration be made except one to the effect or in the terms, above mentioned under the College Statutes.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

No oaths, affirmations, or declarations are required to be taken or made by the Provost, Fellows, Scholars, Exhibitioners, Undergraduates, or servants of this college.

NEW COLLEGE.

The following oaths and declarations are required to be taken and made by members of New College in accordance with the regulations made by the Warden and Fellows under the authority of the 41st clause of the Ordinance framed by the Commissioners for the purposes of the Statute 17 & 18 Vict. c. 81:—

A.—Oath to be taken by the Electors at the Election of a Warden.

Domine, tu jurabis, quod postpositis et cessantibus omnimodis amore favore, odio, timore, invidiâ, partialitate, affectione consanguinitatis, affinitatis, facultatis et scientiæ, necnon acceptione personarum et patriæ, et occasione quâcunque precis aut pretii, cum omni celeritate quâ poteris, cum quem in tuâ conscientiâ credideris magis idoneum, sufficientiorem, discretiorem, utiliorem, et aptiorem ad subeundum et exercendum Custodis officium, nominabis; necnon quod illum quem nominaveris, speras et firmiter credis, quoad bonum et salubre regimen et diligentem curam ipsius collegii, personarum et statutorum, ac bonorum ipsius collegii, terrarumque, possessionum et redituum spiritualium et temporalium, et jurium eorundem, plus posse proficere ac debere.

Sicut Deus te adjuvet, et hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

B.—Oath to be taken by the Warden on his admission.

Ego [N.] in Custodem Collegii Sanctæ Mariæ Wintoniæ a reverendo patre Domino Willielmo de Wykeham fundati in Oxionâ præfectus, juro, tactis per me et inspectis istis Sacrosanctis Dei Evangeliis, quod dictum collegium, omnia beneficia, terras, tenementa, possessiones, reditus spirituales et temporales, jura, libertates, privilegia et bona quæcunque ejusdem, necnon omnes et singulos Socios et Scholares ipsius Collegii, absque personarum acceptione quâcunque, regam, custodiam, dirigam et etiam gubernabo, et per alios regi, custodiri, dirigi et gubernari faciam juxta posse.

Item, quod correctiones, punitiones, et reformationes debitas, veras, rationabiles atque justas, de quibuscunque delictis, criminibus, et excessibus Scholarium et Sociorum dicti collegii quorumcunque, quoties ubi et quando, ac prout opus fuerit, juxta negotii qualitatem, omnemque vim, formam et effectum ordinationum et statutorum prædicti collegii, absque partialitate quâcunque, diligenter et indifferenter faciam et exercebo, seu per alios fieri et exerceri faciam et etiam procurabo, et ea quæ in eâ parte fuerint facienda fideliter in omnibus exequar et exequi faciam juxta posse.

Item, quod sustentationi et reparationi ædificiorum ipsius collegii, gubernationi et regimini omnium terrarum et possessionum, redituum spiritualium et temporalium ejusdem, necnon administrationi bonorum et rerum ad dictum collegium qualitercunque pertinentium, cum omni diligentiâ et providentiâ mihi a Deo concessis fideliter ac diligenter intendam, ac alios ejusdem collegii officiarios et ministros in diversis

officiis et ministeriis deputatos et deputandos intendere faciam juxta posse.

Item, quod lites, placita et jurgia quæcunque ipsius collegii defendam; necnon omnia et singula negotia ipsum collegium qualitercunque concernentia prosequar diligenter, possessionesque, libertates, privilegia et jura quæcunque ipsius collegii manutenebo viriliter et defendam, et faciam ab aliis manuteneri et defendi; hoc tamen salvo, quod causas, placita et lites graves, in quibus verti poterit ipsius collegii exhæreditatio vel grave præjudicium, absque majoris partis Sociorum dicti collegii maturo et deliberato consilio et assensu non incipiam nec movebo, nec inchoari aut moveri faciam quovismodo.

Item, quoties aliqua electio de Scholaribus in collegia Oxoniæ et prope Wintoniam fuerit facienda, ut solum tales eligantur quos secundum ordinationes et statuta dictorum collegiorum maxime habiles et idoneos reputaverim, omni favore postposito, quantum ad me pertinet, partes meas fideliter interponam et idem fieri effectualiter procurabo.

Item, de veris et perpetuis Sociis in dictum collegium Oxoniæ eligendis et admittendis fidele consilium, omni favore postposito, tribuam et impendam, ut de bonis personis, castis, modestis, honestis, et ad studendum et proficiendum in actibus scholasticis maxime habilibus et idoneis juxta ordinationes et statuta dicti collegii, provideatur eidem.

Item, si per me aut occasione mei aliqua dissensionis materia, iræ vel discordiæ, in dicto collegio, (quod absit,) suscitata fuerit, si super ipsâ materiâ per Vice-Custodem, Decanos, Bursarios et quinque alios dicti collegii Socios seniores, finis rationalis seu placabilis factus non fuerit, tunc arbitrio domini Episcopi Wintoniæ qui pro tempore fuerit, seu ipso in remotis agente, ejus Vicarii in spiritualibus generalis, vel, Episcopali sede Wintoniæ vacante, Custodis Spiritualitatis ejusdem, stabo, et quod eorum aliquis statuerit, ordinaverit et definierit in eâ parte, fideliter observabo.

Item, quod omnia et singula statuta et ordinationes dicti Collegii Beatæ Mariæ Oxoniæ et etiam Collegii Beatæ Mariæ prope Wintoniam, quatenus ipsa me concernunt, secundum planum, literalem ac grammaticalem sensum et intellectum eorundem, fideliter tenebo, exequar et etiam observabo, et quantum in me fuerit, faciam teneri ab aliis, exequi et etiam observari.

Item, quod ad dictorum collegiorum meliorationem, augmentationem bonorum, terrarum, possessionum, reddituum, et jurium eorundem conservationem et defensionem, promotionemque et expeditionem negotiorum dictorum collegiorum quorumcunque, ad quemcunque statum, gradum, dignitatem et officium in posterum devenero, in sanis consiliis, beneficiis, favoribus et auxiliis, quantum in me fuerit et ad me pertinuerit, diligenter juvabo, et pro iisdem fideliter laborabo, et usque ad finalem et felicem expeditionem negotiorum dictorum juxta posse instabo, quamdiu vixero in hoc mundo.

Sicut me Deus adjuvet, et hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

C.—Oath to be taken by Fellows on their admission to be Actual Fellows.

Ego [N.] in verum et perpetuum Socium Collegii Sanctæ Mariæ Wintoniæ a reverendo patre Domino Willielmo de Wykeham fundati in Oxoniâ jam admissus, juro, tactis per me et inspectis istis Sacrosanctis Dei Evangeliis, quod omnia statuta et ordinationes dicti collegii, necnon Collegii Beatæ Mariæ prope Wintoniam, quatenus ipsa me concernunt, fideliter tenebo et etiam observabo, et quantum in me fuerit, faciam teneri ab aliis et etiam observari.

Item, quod fidelis ero ac etiam diligens in quocunque officio ad quod me in eodem collegio Oxoniæ deputari contigerit et assumi, illudque, cum deputatus fuero, admittam et pro posse meo fideliter adimplebo. Quodque dictis collegiis fidelis ero, damna, scandala vel præjudicia dictorum collegiorum, quatenus in me fuerit, nullatenus faciam aut quomodolibet fieri sustinebo, sed illa per me et alios modis quibus potero

ne fiant impedium, et si ipse impedire non potero, Custodi, Vice-Custodi, Decanis et Bursariis dicti collegii Oxoniæ plenariè revelabo.

Custodi insuper, Vice-Custodi, cæterisque Sociis Officiariis, in licitis et honestis, et maxime in dicti collegii Oxoniæ negotiis, obediam, assistam, et reverentiam debitam obedienter impendam; et tranquillitatem, pacem, utilitatem, commodum et honorem dictorum collegiorum, et Sociorum eorundem unitatem, quantum in me fuerit, conservabo et ab aliis conservari procurabo.

Item, de veris et perpetuis Sociis in dictum collegium Oxoniæ eligendis et admittendis fidele consilium, omni favore postposito, tribuam et impendam, ut de bonis personis, castis, modestis, honestis et ad studendum et proficiendum in actibus scholasticis maxime habilibus et idoneis, juxta ordinationes et statuta dicti collegii, provideatur eidem.

Item, quod ad dictorum collegiorum meliorationem, augmentationem bonorum, terrarum, possessionum, reddituum, et jurium eorundem conservationem et defensionem, promotionemque et expeditionem negotiorum dictorum collegiorum quorumcunque, ad quemcunque statum, gradum, dignitatem, et officium in posterum devenero, in sanis consiliis, beneficiis, favoribus et auxiliis, quantum in me fuerit et ad me pertinuerit, diligenter juvabo, et pro iisdem fideliter laborabo, et usque ad finalem et felicem expeditionem negotiorum dictorum juxta posse instabo, quamdiu vixero in hoc mundo.

Sicut me DEUS adjuvet, et hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

D.—OATH TO BE TAKEN BY THE POSERS ON THEIR APPOINTMENT.

Domine, tu jurabis, quod omnia et singula in statuto de electione faciendâ recitata, odio et favore, invidiâ et timore, prece ac pretio postpositis quibuscunque, quantum ad te pertinet, fideliter facies e diligenter etiam observabis, tactis et inspectis per te Sacrosanctis Christi Evangeliis.

E.—OATH TO BE TAKEN BY THE CHAPLAINS ON THEIR APPOINTMENT.

Domine, tu jurabis, quod omnia et singula quæ ad Capellani officium in Collegio Beatæ Mariæ in Oxoniâ pertinent, bene, diligenter, ac fideliter facies, et etiam observabis. Item, quod Custodi et Vice-Custodi in licitis et honestis obedies, et reverentiam debitam obedienter impendes. Item quod Custodem, seu ipso absente Vice-Custodem, per quatuor menses ante recessum tuum a dicto collegio de ipso recessu præmunies vel facies præmuniri. Item, quod tranquillitatem, commodum et honorrem dicti collegii, quantum in te fuerit, conservabis, et ab aliis conservari procurabis.

Sicut te DEUS adjuvet, et hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

G.—DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY THE ELECTORS TO OFFICES.

Domine, tu fidem dabis, quod neminem ad officium nominabis nisi quem credideris pro hoc officio exercendo meliorem, affectione et parrialitate cessantibus quibuscunque.

H.—DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY OFFICERS ON THEIR ELECTION.

Domine, tu fidem dabis, quod omnia et singula quæ ad officium pertinente benâ, diligenter, ac fideliter facies et etiam observabis.

I.—DECLARATION TO BE MADE AND SIGNED BY SCHOLARS ON THEIR ADMISSION TO A SCHOLARSHIP.

Ego [N.] in Scholarem Collegii Beatæ Mariæ Wintoniæ, a reverendo patre, Domino Willielmo de Wykeham fundati in Oxoniâ, jam admissus, fidem do, quod omnia et singula statuta et ordinationes dicti collegii, quatenus ipsa me concernunt, tenebo et etiam observabo, et, quantum in me fuerit, faciam ab aliis teneri et etiam observari: quodque Custodi, Vice-Custodi, cæteris Officiariis, Sociisque ejusdem collegii in licitis et

honestis obediam, et iisdem reverentiam debitam in omnibus præstabo; quodque tranquillitatem, commodum et honorem dicti collegii, quantum in me fuerit, conservabo, et ab aliis conservari procurabo.

LINCOLN COLLEGE.

The Fellows of this college under the authority of the ordinances made by the Rector and Scholars in October 1855, and approved by the commissioners, take the following oath:

I, A.B., swear by these Holy Gospels of God that I will, to the best of my ability, keep the statutes and laudable customs of this college, so far as they concern me, so long as I am a Fellow of the same.

So help me God in the day of Judgment.

ALL SOULS' COLLEGE.

At a meeting of All Souls' College held on the 6th November 1866, it was enacted that the following should be the forms of oaths and declarations to be taken or made by the Warden and other persons of the college; the college in so doing acted under the authority of the 32nd section of the ordinance framed for All Souls' College by HerMajesty's Commissioners appointed for the purposes of the Statute 17 & 18 Vic. c. 81. That section provides that "every person elected or admitted to any place or "office on election or admission to which an oath is now required shall at "the time of his election or admission take an oath or make a declaration "as the Warden and Fellows shall by resolution determine, to the effect that "he will faithfully perform the duties of such place or office and obey the "statutes and byelaws of the college in force for the time being, so far as "they may concern him; and the electors to any place or office before "electing to which an oath is now required, (not being an annual office,) "shall before electing take an oath or make a declaration as the Warden "and Fellows shall by resolution determine, to the effect that they will elect "the person best qualified in their judgment for such place or office."

Oath of Fellows on Admission.

Every Fellow on his admission as an actual Fellow shall, in addition to the oath of supremacy as prescribed by Act of Parliament, take also the following oath before the Warden at a college meeting.

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of a Fellow of All Souls' College, and that I will obey the statutes, regulations, and byelaws of the college in force for the time being. So help me God.

Oath of the Scrutineers at the Election of a Warden.

The two senior Fellows present at the election of a Warden shall, before examining the votes of the Fellows, take the following oath before the Sub-Warden:—

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will induce no person, nor cause any person to be induced by words, writing, sign or token, prayer or reward, to elect any person to the office of warden other than him whom the proper conscience of each Fellow shall dictate.

So help me God.

Oath of Warden before Admission.

The Warden before the admission to the office of Warden shall first before the Visitor, and subsequently before the Sub-Warden in the college chapel, take the following oath:—

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of the office of Warden to which I have been elected, and that

I will obey the statutes, regulations, and byelaws of the college in force for the time being so far as they may concern me in the said office.

So help me GOD.

Declaration of Electors to College Offices.

At every election to a college office at which the Electors are required by the statutes and ordinances of the college to take an oath or make a declaration, the following declaration shall be made by all taking part in the election, in the case of the election of a Warden, before the Sub-warden, in other cases before the Warden :—

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and declare that I will elect to the office of that person whom in my judgment I believe to be best qualified to fulfil the same."

Declaration of College Officers.

All persons elected to any office, and required by the statutes and ordinances of the college to take an oath or make a declaration before their admission to such office, shall make the following declaration before the Warden at a college meeting :—

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and declare that I will faithfully perform the duties of the office of to which I have been elected, and that I will obey the statutes, regulations, and byelaws of the college in force for the time being, so far as they may concern me in the said office.

The college further resolved that the said oaths and declarations and the byelaws enacting them shall come into force on December 17, 1866.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE.

The oaths taken in this college are prescribed by the 55th clause of the Ordinance framed by the Commissioners for the purpose of the Statute 17 & 18 Vict. c. 81. in relation to Magdalen College.

Clause 55 is as follows :—

"The oaths prescribed by the existing statutes shall not hereafter be taken; but every person elected or admitted to any place or office on election to which an oath is now required shall at the time of his election or admission take an oath or make a declaration, as the President and Fellows shall by resolution determine, to the effect that he will faithfully perform the duties of such place or office, and obey the statutes and byelaws of the college in force for the time being, so far as they may concern him; and the Electors to any place or office, before electing to which an oath is now required (not being an annual office), shall, before electing, take an oath or make a declaration, as the President and Fellows shall by resolution determine, to the effect that they will elect the person best qualified in their judgment for such place or office."

BRASENOSE COLLEGE.

No oaths, affirmations, or declarations are required to be taken or made by Scholars or Undergraduates of this college.

The oaths required to be taken by the Principal and Fellows are of two classes.

1. Those imposed by Statutes of the realm, viz., the oaths of allegiance and abjuration, which are administered at his election to a Principal or Fellow.

The declaration contained in the Act of Uniformity is required to be subscribed before the Vice-Chancellor or his deputy by the Head Fellows and Tutors, &c. of any college, &c., on pain of deprivation.

2. Oaths imposed by college statutes, ordinances, or other regulations.

An ordinance of the University Commissioners appointed under 17 & 18 Vict. c. 81. given under their seal 28th March 1857, and afterwards approved by Her Majesty in Council (sect. 34), enacted that "the oaths

" required by the existing statutes shall not hereafter be taken; but " every person elected or admitted to any place or office, on election or " admission to which an oath is now required, shall at the time of his " election or admission take an oath or make a declaration, as the " Principal and Fellows shall by resolution determine, to the effect that " he will faithfully perform the duties of such place or office, and obey " the statutes and byelaws of the college in force for the time being, so " far as they may concern him; and the Electors to any place or office, " before electing to which an oath is now required (not being an annual " office), shall, before electing, take an oath or make a declaration, as the " Principal and Fellows shall by resolution determine, to the effect that " they will elect the person best qualified in their judgment for such " place or office."

In conformity with and under authority of the above ordinance, the Principal and Fellows by resolution determined that the following oath be taken by the Principal and Fellows on election, and by such officers as were by the former statutes required to take an oath on election:—

Ego, A. B., electus in Principalem [in annum probationis], [in verum et perpetuum Socium], [in Vice Principalem], [in Bursarium seniorem], [in Bursarium juniorem], juro quod omnia et singular quæ ad hunc locum [vel hoc officium] pertinent bene et fideliter observabo, necnon statutis et ordinationibus hujus collegii, quatenus personam mean concernunt, obtemperabo.

Ita me Deus adjuvet, et hæc Sacrosancta Dei Evangelia.

The Principal and Fellows also determined that the following oath be taken by the Electors of a Principal or a Fellow.

Ego, A. B., juro quod neminem in hunc locum nominabo, nisi quem habilem et idoneum certo sciam vel firmiter credam.

Ita me Deus, &c., &c., &c.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE.

No oath whatever is required to be taken by any Undergraduate, whether on the foundation or otherwise.

An oath is required of every one who is about to be admitted an actual Fellow (after his year of probation).

An oath is also required of the President upon his admission.

The authority by which these oaths are administered is the statute which prescribes them in each case, such statute having been approved by the University Commissioners and confirmed by Her Majesty in Council.

De Juramento Prædentes.

Ego N., in Præsidentem Collegii Corporis Christi in Universitate Oxoniensi nominatus et præfectus, juro, tactis et inspectis per me his Sacrosanctis Evangeliis, quod dictum collegium, omnia beneficia, terras, tenementa, possessiones, redditus spirituales et temporales, jura, libertates et privilegia, et bona quæcunque ejusdem, nec non omnes et singulos Socios, scholares et discipulos, ipsius collegii, juxta statuta et ordinationes ejusdem, absque personarum, scientiarum, facultatum, generis aut patriæ, acceptione quâcunque, pro meâ virili regam, custodiam, dirigam et gubernabo, et per alios regi, custodiri et gubernari, faciam. Nec ero factiosus, magis favens uni quam alii, contra justitiam et fraternitatis amorem, nec eorum alicui gravamina vel molestias injuste inferam. Correctiones quoque, punitiones et reformationes debitas, justas et rationabiles, de quibuscunque delictis, criminibus et excessibus, Sociorum, scholarium aut discipulorum, dicti collegii, quoties, ubi, et quando opus fuerit, secundum rei qualitatem et quantitatem, omnemque vim, formam et effectum ordinationum et statutorum, absque favore aut odio, affectione consanguinitatis, affinitatis, aut aliâ quâcunque, diligenter

et indifferenter faciam et exercebo, et ea per alios fieri et exerceri faciam et procurabo. Item, gubernationi et regimini omnium terrarum, possessionum, reddituum spiritualium et temporalium, nec non administrationi bonorum et rerum ad ipsum collegium qualitercunque pertinentium, cum omni diligentiâ et providentiâ, fideliter et diligenter intendam, ac alios ejusdem collegii officiarios et ministros, in diversis officiis et ministeriis deputatos et deputandos, illis intendere faciam juxta posse. Item, omnia et singula bona et catalla dicti collegii in commodum et utilitatem ejusdem Sociorum prædictorum, prout necessitas evidens exegerit, et statuta et ordinationes in hâc parte dictaverint, administrabo procuraboque, et faciam utiliter et fideliter dispensari et in omnibus administrari. Item, quod lites et placita et jura quæcunque ipsius collegii, nec non omnia et singula negotia ipsum collegium qualitercunque concernentia, diligenter prosequar et pro virili defendam; possessiones quoque ac libertates, privilegia, jura quæcunque ipsius Collegii viriliter sustentabo et defendam, et faciam ab aliis sustentari et defendi; hoc tamen proviso, quod causas, placita, lites graves, in quibus verti poterit, ipsius collegii exhæredatio vel grave præjudicium, absque majoris partis Sociorum dicti collegii, qui tunc in Universitate Oxoniæ fuerint, maturo et deliberato consilio et assensu, non incipiam neque incepta prosequar vel defendam quovismodo. Item, quoties electio vel assumptio alicujus Socii, scholares vel discipuli, in collegium prædictum fuerit facienda, intendam et enitar ut solum tales eligantur et assumantur quos habiles et idoneos reputaverim, et quos in virtutibus et scientiis ad honorem et utilitatem collegii prædicti plus posse proficere ac profecturos crediderim, sine personarum vel patriæ acceptione, amore, favore, odio, invidiâ, timore, prece ac pretio, postpositis quibuscunque. Item, si ab officio meo amovear aut si sponte cessero, bona collegii per me recepta aut apud me remanentia Vicepræsidenti et Dispensatoribus collegii aut, Vicepræsidente absente, Socio maxime seniori in Universitate præsenti et dictis Dispensatoribus, statim si commode potero, sin minus saltem intra quindecim dies extunc proxime sequentes, sine contradictione seu diminutione, restituam. Item, omnia et singula statuta et ordinationes dicti collegii, in quantum me concernunt, exequar et observabo, et quantum in me fuerit faciam ab aliis observari. Item interpretationibus, injunctionibus, declarationibus et expositionibus per reverendos in Christo patres, domini fundatoris successores, Episcopos Wintonienses, super dubiis statutorum emergentibus ad eos delatis, necnon decretis eorendem, juxta Statutum "De Visitatione et Statutorum emendatione," faciendis, obediam, et cum effectu, etiamsi meæ opinioni adversentur, parebo. Et ea, præterea, in omnibus, juxta planum et literalem sensum, quantum in me fuerit, semper fieri et declarari procurabo. Hæc omnia et sigula observabo, sicut Deus me adjuvet et hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

De Juramento admittendorum in veros Socios.

Ego —— juro per hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia quod omnia statuta et ordinationes hujus Collegii, quatenus personam meam concernunt vel concernere poterunt, observabo, et quantum in me fuerit faciam ab aliis observari.

Item, quod huic collegio fidelis ero ac diligens in quocunque officio mihi deputando, illudque quantum potero fideliter adimplebo.

Et de discipulis ac Scholaribus ad annum probationis eligendis, necnon admittendis in veros Socios ejusdem collegii, fidele consilium, omni favore, affectione, pretio et commodo, postpositis, tribuam et impendam; ut de bonis personis, castis, modestis, honestis, aptis, et ad studendum et proficiendum habilibus et idoneis, ac etiam proficere volentibus, quantum in me fuerit, provideatur eidem.

Item, interpretationibus, injunctionibus, declarationibus et expositionibus, per reverendos in Christo patres, successores domini fundatoris, Episcopos Wintonienses, super dubiis statutorum emergentibus ad eosdem Episcopos delatis, necnon decretis eorundem, juxta statutum "De Visitatione et Statutorum emendatione," faciendis, obediam, et eis absque ulteriori disquisitione, disputatione, aut contradictione, etiamsi

meæ opinion adversentur, cum effectu parebo. Sicut Deus me adjuvet et hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

Unusquisque etiam eodem tempore declarare teneatur se ritibus et sacramentis Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ uti velle.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The Dean and Canons upon admission take the oaths of supremacy and allegiance, and make the declaration against simony; and also the declaration recently substituted for subscription, &c.

The Students and Undergraduates take no oaths and make no declarations whatever.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

Fellows about to take part in the election to the presidentship of the college are required each to make the following declaration:—

I, A.B., do promise and declare that in this election I will nominate the two such persons whom I shall judge best qualified for the office of President.

Electors to a fellowship or scholarship are required to take the following oath:—

I, A.B., do promise and swear that in this election I will elect the person best qualified in my judgment to be a Fellow [Scholar] of the college.

Every person elected to a fellowship is required before admission to take the following oath:—

I, A.B., do promise and swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of an actual [or probationer] Fellow of the college, and that I will obey the statutes and byelaws of the college in force for the time being so far as they concern me.

Every person elected to a scholarship is required to make a declaration in the same words with those of the preceding oath.

The person elected President is required to make the following declaration:—

I, A.B., do promise and declare that I will faithfully perform the duties of the President of the college, and that I will obey the statutes and byelaws of the college in force for the time being, so far as they concern me.

The foregoing declarations and oaths are administered under the authority of the 39th clause of the Ordinance framed by the Oxford University Commissioners for Trinity College on the 28th of March 1857, and approved by the Queen in Council.

It is a college practice to administer the oaths of allegiance and supremacy to persons elected Fellows and Scholars. This is supposed to be required by Act of Parliament.

No oath, affirmation, or declaration is required to be made by any Undergraduate not being a scholar.

JESUS COLLEGE.

In conformity with the provisions of clause 47 of the Ordinance framed by the Oxford University Commissioners in relation to Jesus College, bearing date August 3, 1857, the oaths taken under the then existing statutes have been discontinued, and the following byelaw which is now in force will explain the present practice of the college.

"In the cases contemplated in clause 47 of the ordinance, every person electing or elected to any place or office shall respectively take an oath, viz.:—

"(*a.*) Electors.—I, A.B., do swear that I will elect as *Principal, Fellow*, such *&c.* person as in my judgment is best qualified for that *place or office*

"(*b.*) Elected.—I, C.D., elected *Principal, Fellow, &c.*, do swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of that *place or office*, and obey the statutes and byelaws of the college in force for the time being, so far as they may concern me."

The oath of allegiance is also taken at elections as usual, in the University.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

From this College no return has been sent.

WADHAM COLLEGE.

The oaths prescribed by the statutes of Wadham College were abolished by the 36th clause of the Ordinance formed by the Commissioners for the purposes of 17 & 18 Vict. c. 81., and in lieu thereof declarations were substituted, to be made by every person elected to a fellowship, to the effect that such person would perform the duties of such office, and obey the statutes and byelaws of the college for the time being, so far as they might concern him.

PEMBROKE COLLEGE.

The oaths prescribed by the statutes of this college were abolished by the 53rd clause of the Ordinance relating to Pembroke College, and in lieu thereof declarations were substituted, to be made by the Master, Fellows, and every person elected to a college office, to the effect that they will faithfully perform the duties of the office, obey the statutes and byelaws of the college in force for the time being.

WORCESTER COLLEGE.

A declaration of conformity to the statutes, &c. of the college has in like manner been substituted for the oath formerly taken by the Provost and Fellows.

ST. MARY HALL.
MAGDALEN HALL.
NEW INN HALL.
ST. ALBAN HALL.
ST. EDMUND HALL.

No oaths, declarations, &c. are taken or made by any members of or other persons connected with these halls, except by the Principals on their admission by the Vice-Chancellor. These are prescribed by the Statuta Aularia, as follows:—

Quod Principales, tempore admissionis suæ, juramenta de primatu regio agnoscendo, necnon de fidelitate observanda coram Vice-Cancellario præstent; insuper quod omnia statuta et consuetudines aularum quantum ad se pertinent, observabunt; et quantum in ipsis fuerit, etiam ab aliis observari facient.

APPENDIX B.

Oaths taken under Cathedral Statutes by Prelates and Clergy of the Established Church.

The oaths given below, which, being taken by Prelates and Clergy of the Established Church, are beyond the range of the inquiry intrusted to the Commissioners, were forwarded in error to the Commission, partly in the returns from Diocesan Ecclesiastical Courts, and partly in those from Cathedral Chapters.

The Commissioners who were appointed in 1864 to inquire into the "Subscriptions, Declarations, and Oaths required to be made and taken "by the Clergy," reported that they had considered the subject of the oaths "taken in virtue of Cathedral Statutes by Bishops, Deans, "Archdeacons, and Canons," and "being of opinion that some doubt" might be entertained whether such oaths fell within the scope of their Commission, contented themselves with expressing their opinion that it was highly desirable they should be revised by competent authority. Under these circumstances it is thought advisable to append to the Report so many of the oaths in question as have been forwarded to this Commission.

YORK.

Oath taken by a Prebendary.

I, A.B., do swear that I will be faithful to the cathedral church of York; will keep its statutes and customs that are agreeable to law; will to the utmost of my power defend its liberties. I will not reveal the secrets of the Chapter to which I shall be called; will, when it shall be required by the Chapter, contribute to support the burthens of the church according to the value of the benefice I have or shall have in the same, and will fully bear other burthens which are incumbent upon me to be performed, as well to the church as to its ministers, and such sums as are ordered to be paid to these uses I will faithfully pay. So help me God and the contents of this Book.

Oath taken by a Dignitary.

I, A.B., do swear that I will be faithful to the cathedral church of York; will keep its statutes and customs that are agreeable to law; will to the utmost of my power defend its liberties; and will, when it shall be required by the Chapter, contribute to support the burthens of the church according to the value of the benefice I have or shall have in the same, and will fully bear other burthens which are incumbent upon me to be performed, as well to the church as to its ministers, and such sums as are ordered to be paid to these uses I will faithfully pay. So help me God and the contents of this Book.

BANGOR.

Oath taken by Members of the Chapter and Hon. Canons.

I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully observe the statutes, ordinances, and laudable customs of the cathedral church of Bangor, so far as they oblige or concern me by reason or in respect of my being called to a canonry founded in the said cathedral church. So help me God.

BRISTOL.

Oath taken by the Dean.

I, N., who am elected and instituted Dean of this cathedral church, do call God to witness, and do swear upon the Holy Evangelists, that I will, to the best of my power, well and truly rule and govern this church according to the statutes and ordinances of the same, so far as they agree with God's Word and the laws of this realm, and that I will well and justly preserve and keep, and cause to be preserved and kept by others, all the goods, lands, and tenements, the rents and possessions, rights and liberties, and privileges, and all other things moveable and immoveable, saving the bare use of them, and all other profits belonging to the said church. These and all other the ordinances of King Henry the Eighth, our founder, as far as they concern myself, I will diligently procure to be observed.

So help me God and the Holy Evangelists.

The Dean and Canons, and other officers of the church, are also required, before admission, to "take the oath of succession and supremacy, according "to the statutes of the realm in this case provided."

Oath taken by the Canons.

I, N., who am nominated, elected, and instituted a Canon of this church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity in (Bristol), laying my hand upon the sacred Gospel, do swear, that to my ability I will keep, and cause to be kept, all the lands, tenements, revenues, possessions, rights, liberties, privileges, and all other things belonging to this church; and will myself most faithfully keep, and, as much as in me lies, will cause to be kept by others, all and singular the statutes and ordinances of King Henry the Eighth, our founder, so far forth as they are agreeable to the Word of God and the laws of this realm; nor will I wittingly obstruct anything that may be done for the benefit and reputation of this church, but will procure and augment its profit; and if I shall be called, chosen, or designed to bear any office in this church aforesaid, I will not refuse to undertake it, and diligently to act therein, according to my ability. All and each of these things I will perform.

So God help me and this Holy Gospel.

Oath taken by the Ministers.

I, N., being chosen a Minor Canon of the Holy and Undivided Trinity in (Bristol), do swear, that so long as I shall continue in this church I will inviolably observe, to the utmost of my ability, as much as in me lieth, all the orders and statutes made by the most potent King Henry the Eighth, founder of this church; and will pay due obedience and reverence to the Dean and Canons; and, lastly, that I will carefully promote the good and honour of this church. So help me God and the Holy Gospels.

CARLISLE.

Oath taken by the Dean.

Ego, G.C., qui in Decanum hujus ecclesiæ electus et institutus sum, Deo testor, et per hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia juro, quod pro virili meâ in hâc ecclesiâ bene et fideliter regam atque gubernabo, juxta ordinationes et statuta ejusdem, et quod omnia illius bona, terras et tenementa, redditus, possessiones, jura, libertates et privilegia, cæterasque res universas, tam mobiles quam immobiles, et alia omnia commoda ejusdem ecclesiæ bene et fideliter custodiam, defendam, et servabo, atque ab aliis similiter fieri curabo. Ad hæc, omnia et singula statuta et ordinationes Regis Henrici Octavi, fundatoris nostri, quatenus me concernunt, bene et fideliter observabo, et ab aliis, quatenus eos concernunt, studiose observari procurabo.

Sicut me Deus adjuvet et hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

Oath taken by the Canons.

Ego, T.C., qui in Canonicum hujus ecclesiæ cathedralis Sanctæ Trinitatis Carlioleñ nominatus, electus, et institutus sum, tactis Sacrosanctis Dei Evangeliis juro, quod pro virili meâ terras, tenementa, redditus, possessiones, jura, libertates, privilegia, cæterasque res universas hujus ecclesiæ, tuabor, servabo, et servari procurabo. Ad hæc, omnia et singula statuta et ordinationes Regis Henrici Octavi, fundatoris nostri, quatenus me concernunt, bene et fideliter observabo, et ab aliis, quantum in me fuerit, observari curabo; nec quod in utilitatem et honorem hujus ecclesiæ legitime fieri potest sciens impediam, sed illius commodo et honori semper studebo; et si me posthac aliquod officium in ecclesiâ prædictâ gerere contigerit, illud bene et fideliter pro viribus exequar. Hæc omnia et singula præstabo.

Sicut me Deus adjuvet et hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

Oath taken by the Ministers.

Ego, J.T., qui in Ministrum hujus ecclesiæ cathedralis Sanctæ Trinitatis Carliol. electus sum, juro, quod quamdiu in hâc ecclesiâ morabor, omnes ordinationes et statuta a potentissimo Rege Henrico Octavo, hujus ecclesiæ fundatore, edita, quatenus me concernunt, pro meâ virili inviolabiliter observabo; ad hæc, Decano et Canonicis debitam obedientiam et reverentiam exhibebo; denique commodum et honorem hujus ecclesiæ diligenter procurabo.

Sicut me Deus adjuvet et hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

HEREFORD.

Oaths taken by the Dean, Canons, and Prebendaries.

The Caroline Statutes of the Cathedral prescribe as follows:—

"First, every one shall upon God's Holy Gospel take the oath of supremacy; then he shall in like manner take the oath of allegiance or fidelity; both which oaths shall be taken in English in the common form: which done, every one shall proceed further in these words:—

"I do further swear and faithfully promise in the presence of God that I will, as far as I am able, observe all the statutes and laudable and allowed customs of this cathedral church of Hereford, the college of the vicars choral there, the hospital or almshouse of Saint Ethelbert there, and the hospital of Ledbury, wherein and as far as they concern me and my person; that I will carry on and procure the respective credit and profit of the said church, college, and hospitals to the utmost of my power and diligence. If I shall know of any hurt or danger designed or attempted against them, or any of them, I will reveal it to the Dean and Chapter with all speed, and do what I can to hinder it. I will not tell anything abroad which I shall perceive may turn to the hurt or danger of the church, college, or hospitals. I will not make or give consent to the making of any leases for the future, but according to the sense and meaning of the statutes above written. Lastly, I will pay respect and obedience to the Dean and all others that belong to this cathedral church, and have any jurisdiction over me in all things lawful and honest, without any manner of appeal, provocation, complaint, or supplication to any other judge or judges, save in such causes as by these statutes may lawfully be brought before the Bishop of Hereford or Archbishop of Canterbury.

So help me God through Jesus Christ."

LINCOLN.

Oath taken by the Canons.

I, of this cathedral church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln, do swear upon these Holy Gospels that I will be faithful to this church and Chapter, and that I will make in this said church due residence, according to the custom of the said church. I will be obedient to the Dean of the said church and his successors, and also to the Chapter of the same in all things lawful and honest, and will observe and keep the statutes and lawful and

approved customs of the said church, and will faithfully support the burthens incumbent on my dignity, and will contribute to the defence of the rights of the said church, and will give my effectual help and assistance towards the support of them. I will also inviolably observe the laudum or determination of the heretofore Venerable Father William Alnwick, Bishop of Lincoln, and all things therein contained (as far as I lawfully may and by lawful authority may be required to do); neither will I give any assistance, counsel, or encouragement to any person or persons willing or endeavouring the said laudum, to violate or contradict the same.

MANCHESTER.

Oaths taken by the Warden.

Ego, A.B., hujus collegii Guardianus, juro per hæc Sancta Evangelia per me corporaliter tacta, velle me bonum publicum collegii, quibus poterim modis legitimis, promovere, secreta domus capitularis silentio premere, singulorum collegiatorum juxta loca et gradus suos honorem et commodum prosequi.

Ita me Deus adjuvet, per hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

Ego, A.B., hujus collegii Guardianus, juro per hæc Sancta Evangelia per me corporaliter tacta, me velle vel statutum perpetuæ residentiæ observare, vel in casu violationis ejus mulctæ libenter submittere; nec velle dispensationem ab hoc juramento suscipiendo, vel suscepto, petere a Rege (*aut* Reginâ), vel successoribus suis, aut tali oblatâ dispensatione uti, sub pœnâ perjurii et remotionis a collegio ipso facto; et velle Thesaurario aut Bursario quot dies absens fuero, ultra eos his literis patentibus exceptos, notum facere.

Ita me Deus adjuvet, per hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

Oaths taken by a Fellow.

Ego, M.N., hujus collegii Socius, juro per hæc Sancta Evangelia per me corporaliter tacta, me debitam reverentiam præstiturum Guardiano.

Ita me Deus adjuvet, per hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

Ego, M.N., hujus collegii Socius, juro per hæc Sancta Evangelia per me corporaliter tacta, velle me bonum publicum collegii, quibus poterim modis legitimis, promovere, statuta collegii observare, secreta domus capitularis silentio premere, singulorum collegiatorum juxta loca et gradus suos honorem et commodum prosequi.

Ita me Deus adjuvet, per hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

Ego, M.N., hujus collegii Socius, juro per hæc Sancta Evangelia per me corporaliter tacta, me velle vel statutum perpetuæ residentiæ observare, vel in casu violationis ejus mulctæ libenter submittere; nec velle dispensationem ab hoc juramento suscipiendo, vel suscepto, petere a Rege (*aut* Reginâ), vel successoribus suis, aut tali oblatâ dispensatione uti, sub pœnâ perjurii et remotionis a collegio ipso facto; et velle Thesaurario aut Bursario quot dies absens fuero, ultra eos his literis patentibus exceptos, notum facere.

Ita me Deus adjuvet, per hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

Oath taken by a Chaplain.

Ego, C.D., hujus collegii Capellanus, juro per hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia per me corporaliter tacta, me velle officium Capellani seu Vicarii in hoc collegio Christi in Manchester, a Rege Carolo fundato, ad quod modo per suffragia Capituli electus et nominatus sum, bene et fideliter administrare; ægrotos visitare; sacramentaque et alia necessaria et divina servitia in dicto collegio et parochia de Manchester celebrare; singulisque diebus (nisi quatenus cum mihi per Guardianum et Socios dispensatum fuerit) in ejusdem collegii templo ministrare; et me debitam reverentiam præstiturum Guardiano et Sociis.

Ita me Deus adjuvet, per hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

Oath taken by a Fellow holding other Office in the Chapter.

Ego, M.N., hujus collegii Socius, juro per hæc Sancta Evangelia per me corporaliter tacta, velle me bonum publicum collegii, quibus poterim modis legitimis, promovere, statuta collegii observare, secreta domus capitularis silentio premere, singulorum collegiatorum juxta loca et gradus suos honorem et commodum prosequi, et velle officium [Subguardiani, Thesaurarii sive Bursarii, Collectoris Reddituum, Registrarii] in hoc Collegio Christi in Manchester, a Rege Carolo fundato, ad quod modo per suffragia Capituli electus sum, bene et fideliter exequi.

Ita me Deus adjuvet, per hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

ROCHESTER.

Oath taken by the Dean.

Ego, A.B., qui in Decanum hujus ecclesiæ cathedralis electus et institutus sum, Deum testor, et per hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia juro, quod pro virili meâ in hâc ecclesiâ bene et fideliter regam et gubernabo, juxta ordinationes et statuta ejusdem; et quod omnia illius bona, terras, tenementa, redditus et possessiones, juraque, et libertates atque privilegia, cæterasque res universas, tam mobiles (salvo eorum rationabili usu) quam immobiles, et alia omnia commoda ejusdem ecclesiæ bene et utiliter custodiam et servabo, atque ab aliis similiter fieri curabo. Ad hæc, omnia et singula statuta et ordinationes Regis Henrici Octavi, fundatoris nostri, quatenus me concernunt, bene et fideliter observabo, et ab aliis, quatenus eos concernunt, studiose observari procurabo.

Sicut me Deus adjuvet et hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

The Dean also takes the oaths of succession and supremacy according to the form prescribed by the statutes of the realm.

Oath taken by the Canons.

Ego, A.B., qui in Canonicum hujus ecclesiæ cathedralis Christi et Beatæ Mariæ Virginis Roffensis nominatus, electus, et institutus sum, tactis Sacrosanctis Dei Evangeliis juro, quod pro virili meâ terras, tenementa, redditus, possessiones, juraque, et libertates atque privilegia, cæterasque res universas hujus ecclesiæ, servabo et servari procurabo; omniaque et singula statuta ac ordinationes Regis Henrici Octavi, fundatoris nostri, firmissima custodiam, et ab aliis, quantum in me fuerit, custodire curabo; nec quod in commodum et honorem hujus ecclesiæ legitime fieri potest sciens impediam, sed illius commodum procurabo et augebo. Et si ad aliquod officium gerendum in ecclesiâ prædictâ vocatus, electus, et designatus fuero, illud obire et gnaviter pro viribus facere non detractabo. Hæc omnia et singula præstabo.

Sicut me Deus adjuvet et hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.

The Canons also take the oaths of succession and supremacy according to the form prescribed by the statutes of the realm.

Oath taken by the Vice-Dean.

No particular form of oath is prescribed by the Cathedral Statutes. He is sworn to perform the duties of his office.

Oath taken by the Ministers.

Ego, A.B., ecclesiæ cathedralis Christi et Beatæ Mariæ Roffensis in Minorem Canonicum electus, juro, quod quamdiu in hâc ecclesiâ morabor omnes ordinationes et statuta a potentissimo Rege Henrico Octavo, hujus ecclesiæ fundatore, edita, quatenus me concernunt, pro meâ virili inviolabiliter observabo;

ad hæc, Decano et Canonicis debitam obedientiam et reverentiam exhibebo; denique commodum et honorem hujus ecclesiæ diligenter procurabo.
Sicut me DEUS adjuvet et hæc Sancta Dei Evangeliæ.

The Minor Canons also take the oaths of succession and supremacy according to the form prescribed by the statutes of the realm.

WELLS.

OATHS TAKEN BY THE CLERGY.

You shall swear that you will observe the laws, statutes, privileges, liberties, and customs of this cathedral church of Wells. So help you GOD.

You shall swear that you shall pay canonical obedience to the Dean and Chapter of this cathedral church, and their successors, in all commands honest and lawful, and that you will conceal the secrets of the Chapter when they shall come to your knowledge. So help you GOD.

WINCHESTER.

OATH TAKEN BY THE VICE-DEAN AND OTHERS.

I swear that I will well and faithfully execute the office of according to the statutes of this cathedral, and pay due obedience to the Dean.

WORCESTER.

OATH TAKEN BY THE BISHOP.

In the name of God, Amen. We, A.B., by divine permission Bishop of Worcester, do promise and swear that we will well and faithfully rule and govern this church, and as far as they concern us, and are not repugnant to the Word of God and the laws of this realm of England, will most firmly observe all the statutes and ordinances of the founder of the same, and so much as in us lies will take care that they shall be observed by others; and that (so far as it may be legally done) we will procure and increase the profits, and honour of this church. So help us GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE DEAN.

I, A.B., elected and admitted Dean of this church, do swear that I will, to the utmost of my power, well and faithfully rule and govern in this church, according to the ordinances and statutes of the same, so far as they are not repugnant to the Word of God and the laws of this realm, and will preserve and keep all its goods, lands, tenements, rents, and possessions, rights, liberties, and privileges, and all other things, as well moveable (saving the reasonable use of them) as immoveable, and will take care that the like be done by others, and all and every the statutes and ordinances of our founder, King Henry the Eighth (so far as they concern me, and are not repugnant to the Word of God and the laws of the aforesaid realm of England), will well and faithfully observe, and will diligently procure that they shall be observed by others, as far as they concern them. So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE CANONS.

I, A.B., who am nominated, elected, and instituted into a canonry of this church of Christ and the Blessed Mary the Virgin of Worcester, do upon the Holy Gospels swear,—To the utmost of my power I will preserve and cause to be preserved the lands, tenements, rents, possessions, rights, liberties, and privileges, and all other things belonging to this church, and will myself most

faithfully keep, and, as much as in me lies, will cause to be kept by others, all and singular the statutes and ordinances of King Henry the Eighth, our founder, so far as they are not repugnant to the Word of God and the laws of this realm; neither will I knowingly hinder anything that may be lawfully done for the benefit and honour of this church, but will procure and promote its advantage; and if I shall be called, elected, and appointed to bear any office in the church aforesaid, I will discharge the same to the best of my power.

So help me GOD.

OATH TAKEN BY THE MINOR CANONS.

I, now about to be admitted to the office of , do swear that so long as I shall continue a member thereof I will faithfully and inviolably observe the statutes and constitutions of the same, so far as they shall be made known to me; moreover, I will yield and perform due obedience and reverence to the Dean and Chapter of the same and their successors, and to the best of my power diligently endeavour to procure the profit and honour of the said church. So help me GOD.

APPENDIX C.

From the under-mentioned bodies no Returns have been received in answer to applications from the Commission :—

Tower of London.
Court of Exchequer—Office of Pleas.
Diocesan Ecclesiastical Courts :—Bangor.
" " Oxford.
" " Winchester.
Society of Solicitors, Edinburgh.
Pembroke College, Cambridge.
Queen's " "
Jesus " "
Magdalene " "
Emmanuel " "
St. John's College, Oxford.
Winchester School.
Cathedral Chapter of Lichfield.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

Birkenhead.
Blandford.
Calne.
Folkestone.
Gloucester,
Godmanchester.
Harwich.
Helstone.
Kidderminster.
Kingston-upon-Thames.
Lancaster.
Lewes.
Lichfield.
Macclesfield.
Manchester.
Midhurst.
Monmouth.
Saltash.
Sandwich.
South Shields.
Shrewsbury.
Sunderland.
Thetford.
Wenlock.
Wycombe.

Brecon.
Carmarthen.
Cowbridge.

Dublin.
Carlow.
Clonmel.
Dundalk.
New Ross.

LONDON TRADERS' GUILDS.

Brewers' Company.
Broderers' Company.
Carmen's Company.
Cordwainers' Company.
Carriers' Company.
Fruiterers' Company.
Gardeners' Company.
Horners' Company.
Leathersellers' Company.
Long Bow String Sellers' Company.
Merchant Taylors' Company.
Paviors' Company.
Saddlers' Company.
Salters' Company.
Shipwrights' Company.
Tinplate Workers' Company.
Turners' Company.

APPENDIX D.

The following is the form of declaration prescribed by 5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 62. to be used in all cases other than those specially provided for in the Act in which, under the authority of the Act, declarations should be substituted for oaths :—

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare, that

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act of the present session of Parliament, " intituled *An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations* " *taken and made in various departments of the state, and to substitute de-* " *clarations in lieu thereof, and for the more entire suppression of voluntary* " *and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits ;* and to make other provisions for the " abolition of unnecessary oaths."

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TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

I HAVE the honour to lay before Your Majesty my Annual Report of the proceedings in the Public Record Office, for the year 1866.

In consequence of ill-health, Mr. Charles Roberts has resigned the office of Secretary, which he had held since October 1857. Mr. Roberts entered the Record Service in the year 1820, and has spent upwards of 46 years therein. He discharged his various duties, during that long tenure of office, with diligence and fidelity, to the entire satisfaction of the late and present Master of the Rolls. The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury, in consideration of his meritorious service, as reported to them by the Master of the Rolls, have granted to him a superannuation pension in excess of the ordinary allowance to which he would have been entitled. Mr. John Edwards, an Assistant Keeper of Records of the First Class, has been appointed to the office of Secretary, vacated by Mr. Roberts.

I. FEES.

In the Twenty-fifth Report of the Deputy Keeper, I had the honour to bring before Your Majesty the subject of the payment of Fees for consulting the Public Records, whether for legal or literary purposes, with the view of placing all applicants on the same footing.

The Master of the Rolls, in order to render the Public Muniments serviceable to every class of Your Majesty's subjects, considered it equitable that all persons, whatever might be their objects, should have the gratuitous use of the Public Records. In other words, that there should be no distinction between legal and literary applicants in that respect. Availing himself, therefore, of the occasion of opening the new Search Offices (§ VIII.), his Lordship, pursuant to the powers vested in him by the Public

Record Act, 1 & 2 Vict. c. 94. § 9., placed all classes of inquirers on the same footing.

The Fees now paid by the Public will be seen in the Table submitted to Your Majesty with this Report, together with the sum received in the year 1866 (App. No. 1). These alterations, and the opening of the Search Offices, have rendered new regulations necessary for the conduct of business, as follow:—

Public Record Office.

Regulations for the Search Rooms.

The Search Rooms are open every day, except Sunday, Christmas Day to New Year's Day inclusive, Good Friday and the Saturday following, Easter Monday, Easter Tuesday, Whit Monday, Whit Tuesday, Her Majesty's Birthday, Her Majesty's Coronation Day, and Days appointed for Public Fasts or Thanksgivings.

The hours of attendance are from 10 to 4 o'clock; except on Saturday, then from 10 to 2 o'clock.

Each Searcher, on his first attendance, is to write his name and address in a book.

Searchers are not allowed to inspect any documents upon which restrictions are placed, without obtaining permission of the Department to which they appertain.

The designation of each record required is to be written by the Searcher on a separate ticket, unless it extends to more than one part of a roll or volume, in which case the several parts or volumes may be asked for on a single ticket.

Each Searcher is allowed to have three documents, books, rolls, or parts of rolls, at a time; if more are needed for any special purpose, the officer has power to increase, at his discretion, the number.

Documents are not to be taken into the search rooms unless stamped.

A Searcher may takes notes, or a full copy of any record, and examine the same with the record with his own agent; but no officer shall examine, correct, or certify such copy or extracts.

Tracings are not allowed without permission.

Office copies are to be made and delivered according to priority of application, except in special cases.

Fees are to be paid in advance, together with the expenses of the officer on attendances.

No mark in pencil or ink, or otherwise, is permitted to be made on any record, document, or book.

The paper on which a Searcher is writing shall not be placed upon any record or book, nor pens containing ink on the desks or tables.

Records, documents, books, or other articles belonging to the Public Record Office, are not to be taken out of the search rooms.

Searchers are requested to give the calendars or indexes which they have been using, to an attendant, and not to replace them in the press.

Searchers, before leaving, are to return the records, documents, and books they have received, to the officer; and, for their own satisfaction, are requested to see his receipt written on their order-ticket.

(Signed) T. Duffus Hardy,
Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.

25th July 1866.

II. BUSINESS CONNECTED WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

The number of searches for those Government Departments which have Records in the Public Record Office, during the year 1866, is submitted to Your Majesty in the Appendix (No. 2). The Table does not however include the number of copies made for such Departments by the Officers of the Establishment.

The business connected with Transfers and Removals of Government Documents from the Treasury, Home Office, War Office, Lord Chamberlain's Office, Treasury Solicitor's Office, and Land Revenue Record Office, during the year 1866, is mentioned (§ IX.).

Since my last Report, the Commissioners of Audit, with the consent of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury, have authorized the Records sent from their Office to be open to public inspection to the end of the reign of George II., 1760. A list of the Classes of these Documents is appended to this Report (Appendix No. 11). The Commissioners of Audit have also appointed one of their Officers to carry out the recommendations of the Committee on Government Documents upon the Audit Office Records.

In my Twenty-fifth Report, § X. (2), reference is made to a correspondence which had taken place in the year 1863 between the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Master of the Rolls, relative to the transfer of the ancient Records preserved in the Office of the Duchy of Lancaster into the custody of the Master of the Rolls. The correspondence was referred to the Treasury, but without result. The attention of the Duchy of Lancaster has been again called to the subject by a memorial from the President and Council of the Chetham Society, Manchester, praying that the Duchy Records may be rendered as accessible and useful to the public as the other Records of the Kingdom. The Memorial was referred by the Chancellor of the Duchy to the Master of the Rolls. In transmitting the letter of the Chancellor of the Duchy to the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury (13 December 1866), the Master of the Rolls stated that he retained his opinion as to the advisability of transferring the Duchy Records to the Public Record Office, and throwing them open to the public; he thought that such a transfer would be a very popular act of the Government, and would give general satisfaction to inquirers. The answer from the Treasury has not yet been received.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury having proposed, with the concurrence of the Master of the Rolls, to contribute to the Paris Exhibition of 1867 a complete series of the Record Publications issued under the direction of his Lordship, have given orders to the Comptroller of Your Majesty's Stationery

Office to take the instructions of the Master of the Rolls on the subject of binding the works. His Lordship recommended that they should be bound in a substantial, plain, and uniform manner. This has been done, and the Record Publications will be sent to Paris accordingly.

III. FAC-SIMILES OF NATIONAL MANUSCRIPTS BY PROCESS OF PHOTOZINCOGRAPHY.

The photozincographic operations at the Ordnance Survey Office, Southampton, mentioned in the Twenty-seventh Report (§ VII.), have been continued during the year under the superintendence of Mr. Sanders. The second Part of the English Series was published in the summer of 1866. The third Part is all but completed, and will comprise Documents of the reigns of Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth, a list of which is annexed to this Report (Appendix No. 7). The first Part of the Scottish Series, also under the superintendence of Mr. Sanders, is nearly ready for publication: a list of the Documents will be found in the Appendix (No. 8). The Report of Mr. Sanders for 1866 is as follows:—

Ordnance Survey Office, Southampton,
Thursday, January 17, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit to you the following Report of the work upon which I have been engaged during the past year.

I stated in my Report for 1865 that Part II., forming the second volume of the series of facsimiles of the National Manuscripts of England, had been transferred to zinc; that the specified number of copies were in process of being worked, and the introductory notes and translations to be appended to the volume in the hands of Her Majesty's printers. I have now to state that this volume was published last July, and has been distributed among the agents appointed for the sale of the Record and Ordnance Publications.

I stated also that towards the end of July 1865 Dr. Robertson, whose lamented death we have so recently had to deplore, had made over to my custody a portion of the documents selected under the direction of the Right Honourable Sir William Gibson Craig, Bart., Lord Clerk Register of Scotland, to furnish the first part of the National Manuscripts of Scotland, and that these had been photographed by the end of September.

On the 19th of March 1866 Dr. Robertson again came to Southampton and deposited the remainder of the documents in my care. And during the two following days the form in which the volume was to be brought out was finally decided upon between him, Sir Henry James, and myself.

I was thus enabled to proceed at once with the publication of this volume. By the end of May silver prints were taken of the whole, but the condition of four of the original records prevented the zinc plates being set up till the autumn, owing to the great difficulty experienced in getting satisfactory carbon prints; they were all four so bad as to defy every attempt at reproduction except in their own state of dis-

colouration and raggedness, and we were at length compelled to be content with prints taken from unduffed negatives, and to transfer them to zinc with all their defects. These fac-similes furnish additional proof of the value of photozincography for copying documents in the worst condition. They are Nos. 40, 41, 46, and 74 in the volume, and are—a charter by King William of Scotland to the burgh of Ayr ; a charter by Joceline, Bishop of Glasgow, of the toft in the burgh of Glasgow which Ranulph of Haddington built at the erection of the burgh ; a writ by King Richard I. of England restoring the King and realm of Scotland to their former independence; and an indenture whereby King John Balliol acknowledges to have received the rolls and records of Scotland from King Edward I. of England.

On the 11th of July the Lord Clerk Register came to this office to inspect the progress of the work, and suggested that the outline of each document should be given, and that wherever a seal was attached to the original, which was the case with nearly all, it should be given in the copy. This of course materially increased the labour of the work and deferred the period of its completion, but both labour and time were repaid by the result, which has been greatly to augment the beauty of the volume when finished. The outlines and seals were drawn on the zinc in chalk by Second Corporal Goodwin, R.E., who has also executed the illumination of the Kelso charter.

His Lordship having expressed a great wish to have the work completed by November, I applied to Colonel Cameron for leave for working overtime, and, by the able assistance of Mr. Appel, the chief printer on zinc, and the assiduity of the whole staff appointed by Sir Henry James to work under my directions, was enabled to furnish him with a final proof of the whole volume by the time he desired. As far as this office is concerned, therefore, the volume is out of hand; the translations and introductory notes being in course of preparation at Edinburgh, where the fac-similes have met with a very gratifying reception. The documents contained in the volume, although inferior in general interest to those in the English series, are excellent vehicles for the display of photozincography, many of them being of large size and written in characters of great boldness and variety.

A small portion of those to form Part II. are already in my custody, and of most of these negatives have been taken. Two are in such bad condition, and have so many seals attached, that photographs have not as yet been obtained of them. As soon as the remaining documents requisite to form the volume have been entrusted to me, the whole will be transferred to zinc without delay.

The publication of the Scottish volume has of course delayed that of Part III. of the English series. I have, however, seen the whole through a final proof, and the full number of copies required have been worked. I have also made most of the translations, and hope to have them and the introductory notes in the printer's hands very shortly, though I fear the volume cannot be published in time to go to the Paris Exhibition with the copies of Domesday Book, Parts I. and II. of the English series, and Part I. of the Scottish, which have been ordered to be sent there by Her Majesty's Government.

This volume will even surpass the others in interest. The Records selected for it are most curious and valuable, and from the very varied character of the handwriting and the number of different languages in which they are written will exemplify the object which the Master of the Rolls has at heart in the publication of the whole work as fully, I hope, as his Lordship desires.

Negatives have also been taken of the greater portion of Part IV., which will comprise fac-similes of documents of the reigns of James I., Charles I., Charles II., James II., William and Mary, and Queen Anne. Recollecting the collection of letters, orders of commitment, release and respite, and other papers relating to State prisoners in the Tower of London, which some years ago I had arranged for the late General Sir George Cathcart, then Lieutenant of the Tower, and thinking that some of them would be an important addition to this volume, I mentioned the subject to you and received your assent to my applying for permission to take photographs of them. Sir Henry James, fully concurring in this view, wrote to General Sir John Burgoyne, Constable of the Tower, to whose custody those papers belong, asking him to allow a selection to be made for that purpose. Sir John Burgoyne acquiesced immediately, and on the 30th of April Serjeant-major Hughes, Yeoman Porter of the Tower, brought me down the iron chest containing the "Constable's Papers," together with a very courteous note from Lord De Ros, the present Lieutenant of the Tower, giving me full authority to take copies of any I should think fit. These papers are so interesting that I should have liked to have made a large selection from them, but as the limits of the volume would not admit of this, I have chosen a few only as being some of the most curious among these melancholy reminiscences of English history.

The papers thus selected are: the warrant for the commitment of Sir Henry Vane, July 7, 1660; the warrant for the commitment of the regicides Colonel Martin, Colonel Downes, Colonel Lilbourne, and others, August 15, 1660; a Secretary of State's order to "put "Dr. Heyden into the dungeon this night that wee may see what "effect this will have upon him towards his confession," January 24, 1666–7; a Secretary of State's order to permit the bearer, John Evelyn, Esquire, to have access unto Mr. Henry Oldenburg (Secretary of the Royal Society), to discourse with him in the presence of a warder, July 31, 1667; an order under the Royal Sign Manual, to suffer the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury to have access unto the Lord Stafford, "to confer with him upon certaine matters in which "Wee have given him Our Commands," January 21, 1678–9; an Order in Council to bring Mr. Pepys to the Council Chamber "to-"morrow at ten of y^e^ clock," June 2, 1679; a writ for the delivery of the body of William, Viscount Stafford, to the Sheriff of London on the 29th of December between the hours of 9 and 11 in the forenoon for execution upon Tower Hill, December 18, 1680; the Sheriff's receipt is indorsed on this. The King's order to admit the Lady Russell to visit Lord Russell, her husband, "as often as shee "shall think fitt at seasonable hours," July 1, 1683; the King's order to permit the Earl of Clarendon to speak with the Earl of Essex, "without that you or any other be present," July 12, 1683. This was the day before the morning on which the Earl of Essex was found dead in his room. Writ for the delivery of Algernon Sydney to the Sheriff of London on the 17th of December for execution. The writ specifies that he is to be dragged through the city of London to the gallows at Tyburn, and recites all the details of a sentence for high treason. The Sheriff's receipt is attached, witnessed by Sir George Jeffreys, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, November 28, 1683. An order, under the Royal Sign Manual, signed with a trembling hand, for the commitment of the Duke of Monmouth's children, July 9, 1685; warrant for the delivery of the body of James,

Duke of Monmouth, to the Sheriff of London on the 15th of July between the hours of 9 and 11 in the forenoon for execution on Tower Hill, July 13, 1685; the Sheriff's receipt is attached. The King's order to allow the Duke of Monmouth and Lord Grey to have each a servant, that the Bishop of Ely is to acquaint the Duke of Monmouth "that he is to dy to-morrow," and that he may see his children, July 14, 1685; the King's order for the Duchess of Monmouth to have access to the Duke either this day "or to-morrow morning," July 14, 1685; the King's order to permit the Duchess of Monmouth "to dis-"pose of the body of her daughter, that is now dead in the Tower, "as shee shall think fit," August 12, 1685; an Order in Council for the commitment as *safe* prisoner of George, Lord Jeffreys, December 12, 1688; an Order in Council to permit Mr. Lawrence Braddon "to see and viewe y^e^ chamber in the Tower of London where the late "Earl of Essex was found dead," January 24, 1688–9; an order under the King's Sign Manual, to deliver the body of George, late Lord Jeffreys, to his relations for burial, April 19, 1689; an order under the Queen's Sign Manual to deliver the body of George, late Lord Jeffreys, to his relations, and permit them to carry it out of the Tower "in a private and decent manner," for burial, September 30, 1692; and the Speaker's order for the commitment of Mr. Secretary Walpole for corruption in receiving 500 guineas and a note for 500 more on account of two contracts for forage for the troops in North Britain, January 17, 1711–12.

On the 11th of July I returned, by favour of the Lord Clerk Register, the three Records lent by the Duchy of Lancaster, being a charter by King David I. of Scotland to Robert Bruce, erecting Annandale into a forest; a charter by William, King of Scots, to Robert Bruce of Annandale; and a charter by Alexander III., King of Scots, to Robert Bruce, of the franchise of Annandale; successively numbered 20, 39, and 61 in the First Part of Scottish MSS., to the Office of the Duchy.

And on the 1st of September I deposited in the Public Record Office the Records of the reigns of Henry VIII. and Edward VI., which had been copied for Part II.

Demands having been made for separate copies of the fac-similes of Magna Carta given in Part I., Sir Henry James has ordered a number to be struck off. These with a copy of the translation attached are now to be had of the agents for 1*s.* 6*d.* each. I think this plan would also answer with respect to others in the series, such as Simon de Montfort's summons to Parliament, Richard III.'s letters, the Bull of Pope Honorius III. acknowledging the independence of the Scottish church, the National Covenant of Scotland, and others. They created great interest at the Loan Exhibition held in Southampton last summer, and also at a literary meeting at Grantham during the autumn, to which place a few were sent by particular desire of the committee.

Subjoined is a list of abstracts arranged in chronological order of those documents of the reigns of Queens Mary and Elizabeth, the fac-similes whereof appear in Part III. of the English Series, and a similar list of those of the reigns of Kings Duncan II., Edgar, William II. of England, Alexander I., Malcolm IV., William I., Richard I. of England, David I., Alexander II., Alexander III., John Balliol, Philip IV. of France, and Edward I. of England, which make up Part I. of the Scottish Series.

I beg leave to repeat my acknowledgment of the services rendered by all the members of this establishment engaged in the production of

this work, and of the courtesy and assistance shown me by Sir Henry James and his officers, especially Captain Parsons, R.E., F.R.A.S., Chief of the Photographic Staff.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) WILLIAM BASEVI SANDERS,
Assistant Keeper of H. M. Records.

To the Deputy Keeper of H. M. Records.

IV. CALENDARS.

In continuation of the arrangements for the compilation of Calendars (Twenty-seventh Report, § VIII.), I have the honour to submit to Your Majesty the following statement for the year 1866.

A detailed List of the Calendars, showing the progress made in the present year, is given (§ XII.); and in the Appendix (Nos. 5, 6, and 9,) will be found some Calendars compiled during the year.

There is also annexed to this Report (App. No. 10.), a List of the Calendars and Indexes which have been placed in the Search Office for the use of the public. In the hope of supplying a want which is frequently felt in this Office, I have had compiled a Table (App. No. 12.) of the commencement and ending of the various Law Terms, from the Norman Conquest to the first year of the reign of William IV. (1830), in which year the days for beginning and ending the Law Terms were fixed by Statute.

The List of Lords High Treasurers, and of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, submitted to Your Majesty in my Twenty-fifth Report (App. No. 4.), having been found highly useful in determining the dates of Documents, I have directed a List of the Sheriffs as far back as are recorded, to be commenced, and it is in progress.

Copies of the Calendars of State Papers printed during the year have also been placed in the Search Office for the use of the public.

The sale of the printed Calendars continues to increase; 4,228 volumes have been sold. A List of the Calendars published in the course of the year, and of those in progress, is annexed to this Report (App. No. 3.)

With the object of showing to what extent the State Papers were formerly used by historians, I have given (App. No. 13.) a List of the principal works in which copies of some of them will be found.

V. CARTE AND CAREW PAPERS.

Carte Papers.

The Commissioners appointed to select for transcription the Irish Official Documents now among the Carte Papers in the Bodleian Library, Oxford (Twenty-seventh Report, § IX.), have

prosecuted their labours with much zeal and discretion. They have examined, during the year 1866, 28 volumes, containing documents exceeding 10,000 in number, and ranging in date from October 1649 to 1689; a period full of events of the utmost importance in the History of Ireland. The Papers they have selected for transcription amount to between 2,500 and 2,600. On the value and importance of these Papers the Commissioners remark that, as they proceed in their researches, they are the more confirmed in their "belief that it is to this great collection of public and private "Papers (the public portion of which is now to be transcribed), "that the Statesman and Student must principally have recourse "in order to form an adequate conception of the events which "have most materially influenced the later period of Irish "History."

Of the Papers selected by the Commissioners, transcripts of 1,157 documents have been made in duplicate, in 16 volumes, and deposited in the Public Record Office; one copy to be preserved there, and the other to be kept in such place in Dublin as may be selected for their deposit.

Carew Papers.

The Calendar of the Carew Papers in Lambeth Library has been continued during the year in the manner pointed out in the Twenty-seventh Report (§ IX.). About 550 pages of the text and prefatory matter of the first volume were printed at the close of the year, and the index was just completed in manuscript. About 26 sheets of the second volume were also calendared in manuscript. As materials for the History of Ireland, the Carew Papers are not only unique in themselves, but are of high value and importance, and a complete calendar of them cannot fail to be welcome to all students of Irish History. It will thus be seen that Your Majesty's Government has not been unmindful of the claims of Ireland to have the materials for its history made public.

VI. SYLLABUS OF THE CONTENTS OF RYMER'S "FŒDERA," &c.

On 27 September 1866 the Master of the Rolls addressed a letter to the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury, from which the following is an extract:—

"The great success which has attended the publication of the Calendars of State Papers from the accession of Henry VIII., and the interest which they have excited among students both at home and on the continent, have naturally excited curiosity as to the nature of the materials which exist for the elucidation of the earlier period of our national history.

"I have often been consulted upon the subject, and I have been asked to point out some work which would afford a fair specimen of the documents which illustrate the reigns anterior to the accession of Henry VIII. When I have referred applicants to Rymer's Fœdera, I

have noticed with surprise how scanty is the knowledge possessed, even by well-read scholars, respecting this great national collection of documents. Partly from its bulk, partly from its high price, partly from its scarcity, it is little known and less consulted. I apprehend that I am contributing to the advancement of historical literature if I point out a mode in which this want may be met. I beg, therefore, to submit, for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, a plan by which I think a great want will be supplied, and which will afford a grand complement, by way of introduction, of the Calendars of State Papers now in the course of publication.

"The Fœdera is a large collection of miscellaneous documents illustrative of the history of Great Britain, and applicable to every branch of historical research. It was first published, in 17 volumes folio, at the expense of the nation, between the years 1693 and 1726; a second edition, bringing the collection down to the year 1654, was published, in 20 volumes, during the years 1727–1735; a third edition, compressed into 10 volumes, was completed at the Hague in 1740; and a fourth edition on a more extended scale was commenced in 1808, by the Record Commission, but it had only reached down to the year 1391, in six volumes, when it was suspended by the termination of the Record Commission in the year 1838.

"The documents contained in the Fœdera were derived from the public repositories at the Tower of London; the Chapter House, Westminster; the Rolls Chapel, Chancery Lane; the Cottonian and Harleian Collections; the public libraries at Oxford and Cambridge; the cathedral libraries; the State Paper Office; various foreign archives, &c.

"Without entering into the question of the defects and shortcomings of the Fœdera, I may state without fear of contradiction that it is one of the most valuable historical works ever produced in this or any other country, and yet its contents are scarcely known at all. This arises from the fact of the very indifferent, I might safely say useless, indexes of the various editions, and the meagre table of contents prefixed to each volume. I am therefore persuaded that the formation and publication of a Syllabus or Catalogue Raisonné of the contents of the Fœdera, with a good general index, would be one of the most important contributions that could be made to our historical literature, and I have reason to think the work would command sufficient sale to pay its expenses.

"I will not trouble their Lordships with the details of my plan, beyond stating that the documents should be described in a manner similar to that now adopted in the State Paper Calendars, the length of the entry varying in proportion to the historical value of the original; the chronology to be reduced to the modern mode of calculation; errors of arrangement, of which there are many, to be rectified; the sources whence Rymer derived his documents to be stated, many having escaped the recent editors; the pages of the former editions to be specified so that documents referred to in historical works may easily be traced in this Calendar; the whole to be prefaced by a short introduction."

Their Lordships having sanctioned this publication, the Master of the Rolls settled a memorandum pointing out the method in

which the work should be executed, and recommended that the Rev. E. Cobham Brewer, LL.D., should be intrusted with the editorship. This recommendation their Lordships have approved.

VII. CHRONICLES AND MEMORIALS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND DURING THE MIDDLE AGES.

Nine volumes of these valuable works have been published during the year, making a total of 75 volumes. The sale continues to increase, and 17,014 volumes had been sold to the end of the year. In the Appendix (No. 4.) will be found a list of the works published during the year, and of those in progress.

On 20 April 1866, the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury, in a Minute which has been laid before Parliament (Sessional Papers, H. C., 1866, No. 202), reviewed the proceedings adopted by Your Majesty's Government of late years with reference to the Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland during the middle ages, and to the preparation and publication of Calendars of State Papers, and other matter of a cognate nature, calculated to illustrate, verify, or correct the early history of these countries; as well as to supply information heretofore not accessible, but of the deepest interest to the student of history.

In this Minute their Lordships entered fully into the details connected with the publication of the Calendars of State Papers; the Chronicles and Memorials; the Carte and Carew Papers; and the Fac-similes of Domesday Book and the National Manuscripts; particulars of which have been submitted to Your Majesty in my Annual Reports. Their Lordships also reviewed the proceedings relating to the publications which are in progress in Scotland and Ireland.

With respect to the Calendars and Chronicles, their Lordships observe that, "few historical works of importance have appeared "since the date of these publications which have not been indebted "to them, either for new facts, the verification of doubts, or more "lively and truthful details. This observation applies not to books "intended only for the learned, but for the general information "and education of the people. It may be confidently assumed "that henceforth no work can be expected to gain the approbation "of the public which ignores the existence of this historical "series." Their Lordships add their opinion that the Calendars and Chronicles may be "regarded as materials placed in store for "the advantage of students of history in all time to come; and "their value depends in the main upon the indirect influence "exercised by them upon the general history and literature of "this country." In concluding their Minute, their Lordships state that they "deem it necessary to record the strong sense they

" entertain of the services rendered to the public by his Lordship, " the Master of the Rolls, for 10 years, in conducting the national " work which has been entrusted to him. His Lordship's letter " to this Board, of January 1857, to which my Lords have " referred, sufficiently exhibited his appreciation of the nature " and importance of the work; and the judgment, assiduity, and " perfect impartiality which he has since displayed, afford the " strongest proof of his Lordship's peculiar fitness to conduct it."

VIII. NEW BLOCK OF RECORD REPOSITORY.

I had the honour to submit to Your Majesty in my Twenty-seventh Report (§ XI.), an account of the works in progress on the Repository, and stated that the building was expected to be ready for the use of the Department in the spring of 1866. Since then, the new Search Offices have been opened to the public, and appear to give general satisfaction to all who frequent them. Mr. Pennethorne, the architect, deserves the highest credit for the accommodation and convenience he has provided for the public. The presses are in course of erection in the other rooms in the Repository for the reception of Government Records to be removed from the houses in Chancery Lane.

The operations on the centre tower of the south front of the Repository, for the purpose of affording a greater supply of water in case of fire, have been continued through the year; the tower and the waterworks are to be completely finished, and the whole of the scaffolding removed, before 1 August 1867.

In consequence of an Order of Court by the Lord Chancellor (§ IX.), the Master of the Rolls felt it his duty to urge upon the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury the necessity for the completion of the remaining portion of the east wing. Their Lordships have, however, been compelled reluctantly to postpone the vote for another year.

IX. TRANSFERS AND REMOVALS.

The usual transfers of accruing Chancery Records have taken place during the year.

I have also the honour to state to Your Majesty that in the basement of the Offices occupied by Your Majesty's Commissioners of Patents for Inventions, are deposited large masses of Deeds, Books, and Documents belonging to the Suitors in the Court of Chancery; they formerly were in the custody of the late Masters in Chancery; the space thus occupied being required for the Printed Specifications belonging to the Patent Office, the Lord Chancellor, 22 May 1866, ordered the Deeds, Books,

APPENDIX

TO

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH REPORT OF THE DEPUTY KEEPER OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS.

No. 1.—Fees in the Public Record Office in the Year 1866: and new Table of Fees.

(*The Fees for Searches and Inspections were abolished after* 26 *May* 1866.)

	£	s.	d.
588 Searches, previously to 26 May - - -	29	8	0
1,558 Inspections, previously to 26 May - -	44	0	0
861 Authenticated Copies - - - -	465	12	6
95 Attendances, including Mortgage Money Fees after 26 May - - - - -	89	11	6
Amount of Fees in 1866 - - -	£628	12	0
Total Amount of Fees paid into the Exchequer since 1840 - - - -	£22,022	0	3

Attendances at the Rolls Chapel Office were also given in matters relating to Foreclosures of Mortgages, as follow:—

Before the establishment of Attendance Fees, 26 *May* 1866.

Number of cases where Attendance was given, and the money paid:—
Attendance, 1; Money paid, 758*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*

Number of cases where Attendance was given to receive, but no one attended to pay:—
Attendances, 12. Money unpaid, 14,770*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.*

Subsequently to the payment of Attendance Fees.

Number of cases where Attendance was given, and the money paid:—
Attendance, 1. Money paid, 2,281*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.*

Number of cases where Attendance was given to receive, but no one attended to pay:—
Attendances, 16. Money unpaid, 35,738*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.*

Total of Attendances - - 30
Total of Money - - 53,543*l.* 14*s.* 5*d.*

The following is the new Table of Fees:—

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE.—TABLE OF FEES.

	£	s.	d.
For Authenticated Copies, per folio of 72 words;—			
Documents to the end of the reign of George II. -	0	1	0
Documents after the reign of George II. - - -	0	0	6
For Attendance at either House of Parliament, to be sworn - - - - - - - -	1	1	0
For Attendance at either House of Parliament, or elsewhere, to give evidence; or with 10 Records or less number; each day - - - - - -	2	2	0
Ditto ditto for each additional Record, each day	0	2	0
For Attendance on the Master of the Rolls on a Vacatur -	1	1	0
For Attendance to receive Mortgage Money - -	0	5	0
On Payment of Mortgage Money - - - -	0	10	6

(Signed) ROMILLY, M.R.

Rolls House, 26th May 1866.

No. 2.—BUSINESS IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE CONNECTED WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE YEAR 1866.

NUMBER of SEARCHES, INSPECTIONS, ISSUES, and RETURNS of GOVERNMENT PAPERS, for GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, in 1866.

Department.	Number of Searches or Applications.	Number of Inspections, Issues, Returns, &c.
Privy Council Office - -	1	997
Treasury - - - -	10	2,272
Treasury Solicitor - - -	2	—
Home Office - - -	1	843
Foreign Office - - -	4	376
Colonial Office - - -	1	153
War Office - - -	788	1,154
Admiralty - - - -	28	197
Admiralty Registrar - -	4	559
Audit Office - - -	5	28
Patent Office - - -	81	111
Auditors of Sheriffs' Accounts -	1	4
Duchy of Lancaster Office - -	1	225
	927	6,719

No. 3.—Calendars of State Papers, &c.

Volumes published in 1866.

Calendar of State Papers, Domestic Series, of the Reign of Charles I., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* John Bruce, Esq., F.S.A. Vol. IX.—1635–1636.

Calendar of State Papers, Domestic Series, of the Reign of Charles II., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* Mary Anne Everett Green. Vol. VII.—1667.

Volumes in the Press.

Calendar of State Papers relating to Ireland, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* Hans Claude Hamilton, Esq., F.S.A. Vol. II.—1574–1585.

Calendar of Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, of the Reign of Henry VIII., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, the British Museum, &c. *Edited by* J. S. Brewer, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. Vol. III.—1519–1523.

Calendar of State Papers and Manuscripts, relating to English Affairs, preserved in the Archives of Venice, &c. *Edited by* Rawdon Brown, Esq. Vol. II.—Henry VIII.

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No. 5.—Welsh Records.

Calendar of Fines, Counties of Chester and Flint, Edward I.: removed from Chester to the Public Record Office in 1854.

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No. 1. 9 Edw. 1. — Heselewelle, Avilla de; and Heselewelle, Agnes wife of Patricius de. — One messuage and one bovate of land in Little Caldey. The said Avilla acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Agnes; and for this acknowledgment the said Patricius and Agnes agree to pay Avilla 20*s.* a year during Agnes' lifetime.

No. 2. 13 Edw. 1. — Legh, Thomas de; and Lymme, Gilbert son of Alan de. — Four messuages, two carucates, seven bovates of land, and two acres of meadow in Lymme and in Stokes, in Wirhale, and three messuages, twenty acres of land, and one acre of meadow in Lymme. The said Thomas remits to the said Gilbert and his heirs all right which he has or can have in the said tenements, and in all other lands which belonged to his grandfather, Hugh, in the said vills or elsewhere. And for this remission the said Gilbert grants to the said Thomas all his lands in Stathum, in Lymme; also seven acres of land in Lymme in a place called Urmesmor, and one "cultura" of land in the same vill in a place called Boyfennes, and nine acres of land which he had in Wolmundismor by reason of his share with William Daniel, his parcener; and one bovate of land in Lyme Bothes. The said Gilbert also grants that the said Thomas, his heirs, assigns, and tenants, be free and quit of pannage in all the woods of Lymme; also that Thomas, his heirs and assigns, be free and quit from all payment of toll in the mill of the said Gilbert and his heirs in Lymme; also that the said Thomas and all his tenants in the said vills may take husbote and haye and firewood in all the woods of Lyme; also that the said Thomas, his heirs and tenants, in the said vills, may have right of common everywhere in Lyme, in the woods and elsewhere, without, however, doing damage in the crops and meadows.

No. 3. 13 Edw. 1. — Wodenot, William of Swanle; and Dymmok, William and Margaret his wife. — One burgage and one acre of land in Nantwich. The said William and Margaret acknowledge the said tenements, being those which Richard Froward, chaplain, formerly held, and lying in Hospital Street, to be the right of the said William Wodenot, to hold by him and his heirs of God and the Blessed Mary of the said town for perpetual alms at the yearly rent of 1*d.* for tapers for the Blessed Mary in Nantwich.

No. 4. 13 Edw. 1. — Vernon, Ralph de; and Birkehevet, Prior of the Church of St. James of. — Advowson of the church of St. Wilfrid of Daveneham. The said Prior acknowledges the said advowson, together with half an acre of glebe land in the same vill belonging to the said church, to be the right of the said Ralph.

No. 5. 13 Edw. 1. — Vernon, Ralph de; and Birkeheved, Prior of the Church of St. James of. — Advowson of the church of St. Wilfrid of Daveneham. The said Prior acknowledges the said advowson, together with half an acre of glebe land in the same vill belonging to the said church, to be the right of the said Ralph.

No. 6. 13 Edw. 1. — Wrennebury, Richard Lord of; and Cunarius, Richard of Newhall and Margaret his wife. — One acre of land in Wrennebury and Witenhall. The said Richard and Margaret acknowledge the said land, which Richard de Witenhall, chaplain, gave to them in free dower, to be the right of the said Richard of Wrennebury.

No. 5.—Welsh Records : Calendar of Fines, &c.—*continued.*

No. 7. 14 Edw. 1. — Basingwerk, Hugh Abbot of the Church of St. Mary of; and Chester, Simon Abbot of. — Advowson of the church of St. Brigide of Westkirkely in Wirhale. The said Hugh acknowledges the said advowson to be the right of the said Simon and of his church of Saint Werburgh, Chester.

No. 8. 14 Edw. 1. — Alperham, Matthew de; and Blakenale, Hamo de. — One messuage and two carucates of land in Blakenale. The said Matthew renounces all right to the said tenements in favour of the said Hamo and his heirs.

No. 9. 16 Edw. 1. — Chester, Barons, Knights, and Free-tenants of the County of; and Chester, Mayor and City of. — Construction and repair of the bridge of Chester over the Dee. The said mayor and city grant that they will construct, repair, and sustain a certain part of the said bridge nearer the town of Newbolt, containing in length of solid earth and stone-work eight feet, and, contiguous thereto, forty-nine feet of wood-work in the hollow of the bridge; the expense thereof is also to be shared by all the town and forinsec lands which, being comprehended in the book called Domisday in the Treasury of London, within the fifty-two hides reckoned within the city of Chester, shall be found to be liable to pay tax. The county is burdened with the rest of the bridge.

No. 10. 16 Edw. 1. — Thorperlegh, John keeper of the Chapel of St. Leonard de Rode in; and Grey, Reginald de. — Certain hedge raised in Thorperlegh to the hurt of the free tenement which the said John holds in the name of his said chapel. The said John having complained that, whereas he and his predecessors, keepers of the said chapel, are wont to have common pasture for all their beasts all the year round in sixty acres of wood and pasture in the said vill, the said Reginald and William de Heydore have raised a hedge excluding him therefrom; the said John acknowledges for himself and his successors that the said sixty acres are the right of the said Reginald, his heirs and assigns for ever. For this acknowledgment the said Reginald grants to the said chapel, to John, and to his successors, keepers therefore, for perpetual alms, the piece of land in Thorperlegh which Richard Pabuarius formerly assarted, and one acre of land adjacent.

No. 11. 16 Edw. 1. — Shrewsbury, Abbot of; and Deulencresse, Abbot of. — Messuage and salt-pit in Nantwich. The abbot of Deulencresse acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the Abbot and church of St. Peter, Shrewsbury. And for this acknowledgment the Abbot of Shrewsbury grants the same to the Abbot of Deulencresse and his successors for the yearly rent of 13*s.* 4*d.*, to be paid to the Abbot of Shrewsbury, his successors, and the said church of St. Peter.

No. 12. 17 Edw. 1. — Heselewall, Agnes daughter of Patrick de; and Heselewall, Patrick de and Agnes his wife. — Moiety of the vill of Little Caldey in Wirall. The said Agnes surrenders the said tenement to the said Patrick and Agnes his wife, and their heirs, and they grant her six marks yearly rent for her life.

No. 13. 17 Edw. 1. — Norreys, John le and Nicholaa his wife; and Heselewell, Patrick de and Agnes his wife. — Moiety of the vill of Little Caldey in Wyrall. The said Patrick and Agnes acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said John and Nicholaa and their heirs.

No. 14. — Edw. 1. — Montealto, John de; and Stokeport, Richard de. — Manor of Ponynton and one carucate of land in Offerton. The said Richard acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said John, with reversion after John's death to Richard and his heirs.

No. 5.—Welsh Records: Calendar of Fines, &c.—*continued.*

No. 15. 17 Edw. I. — Bromhale, Richard de; and Hilton, David son of David de and Mary his wife. — One messuage and one carucate of land in Bromhale. The said David and Mary acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Richard.

No. 16. — Edw. I. — Montealto, John de and Ellen his wife; and Stokeport, Roger de. — Common of pasture in 200 acres of land in Ponyngton. The said Roger acknowledges and grants, for himself and his heirs, to the said John and Ellen, for all their own beasts, and those of their tenants of Ponyngton and Lostok, common of pasture in Wideford, in Ponyngton, namely, from a certain place called Derlingesyate to the high street, and following it as far as the corner of the new ditch, and thence straight to the rushy lake (*la Russhylache*), and following it as far as the turf pits (*les Turfputtes*), and thence to the new pits (*les Neweputtes*), and following them straight to the Lydyate; to have and to hold by the said John and Ellen, and their tenants of Ponyngton during the lifetimes of John and Ellen. But after their death, their heirs, by reason of any tenement in Ponyngton, except in the hamlet of Lostok, shall have no common of pasture within the said limits. But John and Ellen, and the heirs and assigns of John, shall enjoy common of pasture within the said limits for their own beasts and those of their tenants of Lostok. For this acknowledgment the said John and Ellen grant to the said Roger, his heirs and assigns, that in all waste lands and other places in Wydeford, in Ponyngton, outside the above-named limits, they may approve as much as they please. In summer time, however, the said John and Ellen, and the heirs and assigns of the said John and his tenants of Lostok, and the said Roger, his heirs, assigns, and tenants of Wydeford, together with all their beasts, shall for ever share, outside or inside the aforesaid limits, in all places not approved in Wideford and Lostok, without doing damage in crops and meadows.

No. 17. 17 Edw. I. — Clerk, Richard, son of Richard of . . . . and Deresbiry, Ranulph de, Margery his wife, Alexander Hurell, Alice his wife, and Ranulph son of Adam Godweyt. — The said Richard remits and quit-claims to the said Ranulph and Margery and their heirs for ever, and to Alexander and Alice for the life of Alice, and after her death to Ranulph son of Adam, and his heirs, all right and claim of free way which he had through the middle of the "selda" of the said Ranulph, Margery, Alexander, Alice, and Ranulph, situated between the "selda" of Galfridus de Meles and that which belonged to Thomas son of William Cosin. And for this remission there is granted to the said Richard, his heirs and assigns for ever, a yearly rent of 3*s.* 6*d.* from the said "selda;" namely, 12*d.* from Ranulph, Margery, and their heirs and assigns, and 2*s.* 6*d.* from Alexander and Alice, and after her death from Ranulph son of Adam, his heirs and assigns; of which 2*s.* 6*d.* yearly rent the said Richard grants 6*d.* to Hugh de Brithull, his heirs and assigns.

No. 18. — Edw. I. (?) — . . . . Henry; and Le Wellip, Peter and Sibilla his wife. — 30 acres of land in Burlond and one messuage and one bovate of land in . . . . The said Peter and Sibilla acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Henry.

No. 19. 17 Edw. I. — Acton, Alan de and Beatrice his wife; and Walton, Thomas de. — A fine for the said Thomas to acquit the said Alan and Beatrice of the service, which Henry de Lasy Earl of Lincoln exacts of them on account of the freehold, which they hold of the said Thomas in Hatton near Stretton. The said Alan and Beatrice having complained that, whereas they hold of the said Thomas free from all service, except the annual rent of one arrow, one messuage, and six bovates of land in a certain place called Custy, the said Henry de Lascy distrains them for an annual rent of 6*d.* for ploughing and 1½*d.* for reaping; the said Thomas acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Alan and Beatrice and will defend them therein against all exactions.

No. 5.—Welsh Records: Calendar of Fines, &c.—*continued.*

No. 20. 19 Edw. 1. Aldithly, Nicholas de; and Knottedoke, Adam de and Johanna his wife. — 50*s.* rent in Nantwich. The said Adam and Johanna acknowledge the said rent to be the right of the said Nicholas.

No. 21. 20 Edw. 1. Alvane, Richard son of Richard; and Alvane, Richard. — One messuage in Nantwich. The said Richard acknowledges the said messuage to be the right of the said Richard son of Richard.

No. 22. 20 Edw. 1. Alvane, Richard son of Richard; and Alvane, Richard. — A salt-pit in Nantwich. The said Richard acknowledges the said salt-pit to be the right of the said Richard son of Richard, the heirs of his body, and their heirs and assigns.

No. 23. 22 Edw. 1. Muner, David le; and Hole, Walter son of Robert de. — Four messuages, 60 acres of land, four acres of meadow, and 1*d.* rent in La Bache. The said Walter acknowledges three messuages, 40 acres of land, two acres, half an acre, and one rood of meadow of the said tenements to be the right of the said David and his heirs, as of the gift of the said Walter. Also the said Walter grants that one messuage, 20 acres of land, one acre and one rood of meadow of the said tenements, which Hugh le Porter and Lucy his wife hold in right of her dower of the inheritance of the said Walter, should remain to the said David and his heirs; also that 1*d.* rent, which Walter was wont to receive from Alfred de Stanlowe and Agnes his wife for the tenements they held of him, together with wardships, reliefs, escheats, &c., should remain to the said David and his heirs. For this acknowledgment the said David for himself and his heirs grants to the said Walter and his heirs 40*s.* yearly after the lapse of 30 years from the day of the making of this fine. This fine was made in the presence of the said Hugh le Porter and Lucy his wife; also in that of Alfred de Stanlowe and Agnes his wife, who acknowledged that they held 16 acres of land and three acres of meadow in the same vill, in right of the said Agnes, for the yearly service of 1*d.*

No. 24. 23 Edw. 1. Hemigton, Robert; and . . . . Richard. — 100 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 30 acres of wood, 100 acres of pasture, 40 acres of marsh, 60*s.* rent, and a mill in Little Barue and Great Barue. The said Richard acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Robert and his heirs, as of the gift of the said Richard.

Adam de Burton and Ellen his wife came and acknowledged that they held a third part of the said tenements in right of Ellen's dower, and the said Adam did fealty to the said Robert.

No. 25. 23 Edw. 1. Fugleshurst, Richard de; and Box, William son of Laurence. — One messuage in Nantwich. The said William acknowledges the said messuage to be the right of the said Richard, as of the gift of the said William.

No. 26. 23 Edw. 1. Duyn, William le, Clerk; and Grymbald, Roger and Anicia his wife, daughter and heir of Philip le Clerk, late citizen of Chester. — One toft 105 feet in length and 153 feet in breadth in Chester, and seven and a half acres of land in Clavertone. The said Roger and Anicia acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said William as of their gift, to hold to him, his heirs and assigns, at the yearly rent of 1*d.* for all service.

No. 27. 23 Edw. 1. Bechenton, John de; and Bechenton, Henry de and Alice his wife. — Five messuages, six and a half bovates of land, three acres of meadow, and 3*s.* 8*d.* rent, in Pulton in Valeye, Lymskarke, and Kyrkeby in Valeye. The said Henry and Alice acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said John.

No. 5.—Welsh Records: Calendar of Fines, &c.—*continued.*

No. 28. 23 Edw. 1. — Munihshull, Richard de and Alice his wife; and Crue, Sibilla de. — One messuage, two carucates of land, two mills, 500 acres of wood and waste land, and 8*s.* rent, in Aston under Mandrem. The said Richard and Alice acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Sibilla, who grants the same to the said Richard and Alice and their heirs, and, if the said Alice die without heirs, the said tenements to revert to Sibilla and her heirs.

No. 29. 23 Edw. 1. — Lascy, Henry de, Earl of Lincoln; and Clayton, Ralph de and Alice his wife, and Adam de and Isabella his wife. — The stallage of Thelewelle and fourth part of the fishery of the water of the Mersee in the same vill. The said Ralph, Alice, Adam, and Isabella acknowledge the said stallage and fishery to be the right of the said Henry.

No. 30. 23 Edw. 1. — Bole, John le, Agnes his wife and Henry son of Agnes; and Hoton, Adam de. — One messuage and four bovates of land in Cherleton in Wyrhale. The said John, Agnes, and Henry, acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Adam, who grants the same to the said John, Agnes, and Henry, and the heirs of Henry's body, and them failing, with remainder to Henry's brother, Richard and the heirs of his body, and, failing them, to Adam son of William de Stanlegh and his heirs.

No. 31. 23 Edw. 1. — Oldeton, Richard de; and Hunsterston, Richard de and Juliana his wife. — One messuage, 20 acres of land, one acre of meadow, 30 acres of wood, and 10 acres of marsh, in Lowe near Darnhale. The said Richard and Juliana his wife acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Richard de Oldeton.

No. 32. 23 Edw. 1. Flint. — Wyrny, Peter de; and Fulburn, William de, Clerk. — One burgage, five acres of land, and one acre of meadow in Rothelan. The said William acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Peter, who grants them to the said William and his heirs.

No. 33. 24 Edw. 1. — Wyldebor, William son of William; and Boure, William son of Philip del, and Aldusa his wife. — Moiety of a salt-pit in Nantwich. The said William and Aldusa his wife acknowledge the said salt-pit to be the right of the said William Wyldebor, as of their gift.

No. 34. 24 Edw. 1. — Daniell, Margery daughter of William; and Daniell, William. — One mill and 40 acres of land in Lymme. The said William acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Margery and the heirs of her body, and, them failing, with reversion to the said William and his heirs.

No. 35. 24 Edw. 1. — Legh, Thomas de; and Levere, Elias de and Cecilia his wife. — Moiety of one "lande terræ" in Stathum. The said Elias and Cecilia acknowledge the said tenement to be the right of the said Thomas, as of their gift.

No. 36. 24 Edw. 1. — Payn, Hugh; and Enginor, Richard le. — Three messuages and 50 acres of land in Hole. The said Hugh acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Richard, who regrants the same to Hugh, Matilda his wife, and their heirs, and, them failing, with remainder to Hugh's right heirs.

No. 37. 24 Edw. 1. — Praers, William de; and Macworth, William de and Cecilia his wife. — One messuage, four acres of land in Weston near Bertomelegh. The said William and Cecilia his wife acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said William de Praers, as of their gift and feofment, to hold to him, his heirs and assigns.

No. 5.—Welsh Records : Calendar of Fines, &c.—*continued.*

No. 38. 24 Edw. 1. — Sonde, William de ; and Bure, William son of Philip del, and Aldusa his wife. — One burgage in Nantwich. The said William and Aldusa his wife acknowledge the said tenement to be the right of the said William de Sonde as of their gift and feofment, to hold to him, his heirs and assigns.

No. 39. 24 Edw. 1. — Dyth, Roger del ; and Dun, Richard of Lathecote and Mabilla his wife. — One messuage and three acres of land in Routhestorn. The said Richard and Mabilla acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Roger, as of their gift, to hold to him and his heirs.

No. 40. 24 Edw. 1. — Blakenhale, Adam son of Hugh de and Elena his wife ; and Blakenhale, Hugh de and Johanna his wife. — One messuage, two carucates of land, and the third part of a salt-pit in Acton and Northwich. The said Hugh and Johanna acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Adam and Elena ; to whom they also grant the remainder of one messuage and the moiety of one carucate of land in Acton, held as dower by Elena who was wife of Hugh de Hellesby.

No. 41. 24 Edw. 1. — Vernon, Ralph son of Ralph de ; and Lostok, Richard de and Agnes his wife. — One messuage, one bovate of land in Hurdeleston, and the service of a moiety of one knight's fee in Walgherton and Tytnelegh. The said Richard and Agnes acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Ralph, as of their gift.

No. 42. 24 Edw. 1. — Scolegh, Isabella daughter of Robert de ; and Scolegh, Alice late wife of Robert de. — Four messuages, 26 acres of land in Blakenhale. The said Alice acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Isabella, to hold to her and her heirs, as of the gift of the said Alice.

No. 43. 24 Edw. 1. — Bate, William and Agnes his wife ; and Sport, Robert and Beatrice his wife. — Two acres and the moiety of one acre of meadow in Thorperlegh. The said Robert and Beatrice acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Agnes, as of their gift, to hold to her and her heirs.

No. 44. 24 Edw. 1. — Merbury, John de ; and Walton, John de and Alice his wife. — 10 acres of land in Cogeshull. The said John and Alice his wife acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said John de Merbury, as of their gift, to hold to him and his heirs.

No. 45. 24 Edw. 1. — Legh, Thomas de ; and Coghull, Ralph de and Alice his wife. — 30 acres of land in Legh near Routhestorn. The said Ralph and Alice acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Thomas, as of their gift.

No. 46. — Edw. 1. (?) — Haselyngton, Thomas son of Gregory de, and Agnes his wife ; and Stoke, Margery late wife of Hugh de. — One messuage and twelve acres of land in Upper Pevere. The said Thomas and Agnes acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Margery, who regrants them to the said Thomas and Agnes and their heirs, and, them failing, with reversion to Margery and her heirs.

No. 47. 26 Edw. 1. — Hapesford, Walter de and Agnes his wife ; and Toft, William de and Johanna his wife. — Three messuages, two and a half bovates of land in Burches. The said Walter and Agnes acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Johanna. And the said William and Johanna regrant the same to the said Walter and Agnes and their heirs, and, them failing, with reversion to the said William and Johanna and their heirs. [Indorsed] William de Eskeyt, sen., county of Lincoln, says the said tenements are held by his lord, and puts in a claim for his lord.

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No. 48. 26 Edw. 1. Daners, Thomas son of William; and Daners, William. — One messuage, 24 acres of land in Lymme. The said William acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Thomas, as of William's gift, to hold to the said Thomas and the heirs of his body, by the annual payment of 2*s.* to William and his heirs, and, if Thomas die without heirs of his body, with reversion to William and his heirs.

No. 49. 26 Edw. 1. Payn, Richard; and Payn, Matilda late wife of Hugh. — Four messuages, two carucates and 12 acres of land in Hole and Wodeford. The said Matilda acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Richard, who regrants the same to the said Matilda for her life, with reversion to the said Richard and his heirs.

No. 50. 26 Edw. 1. Hulfeld, Ranulph son of Ranulph de; and Clotton, William, de. — 16 messuages, one carucate and 16 bovates of land, and 90 acres of wood in Clotton, Hulfeld and Duddon, and the fourth part of a mill in Clotton. The said William acknowledges the said tenements, together with the homage and service of Ralph de Vernun in Hatton, to be the right of the said Ranulph, who regrants two messuages and four bovates of land of the same tenements in Clotton to the said William and the heirs of his body, and, them failing, with reversion to the said Ranulph and his heirs.

No. 51. 27 Edw. 1. Praers, William de; and Weston, Michael de and Isabella his wife. — One messuage, one bovate and a half of land in Weston. The said Michael and Isabella acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said William, as of their gift.

No. 52. 27 Edw. 1. Godelegh, Henry son of Robert de; and Godelegh, William son of Henry de. — One messuage and half a bovate of land in Godelegh. The said William acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Henry, as of the gift and feofment of the said William, to hold to the said Henry, his heirs and assigns. Moreover the said William acknowledges the third part of half a bovate of land in Godelegh, which Richard de Dokenfeld and Anicia his wife hold in right of dower, to be the right of the said Henry.

No. 53. 27 Edw. 1. Wrennebury, Richard de; and Harecourt, Robert de. — Manor of Wrennebury, a salt-pit in Nantwich, and 10*s.* rent in Newton near Tatenhall. The said Robert acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Richard.

No. 54. 27 Edw 1. Vale Royal, Abbot of; and Heth, John del, and Margery his wife. — One carucate of land in Lache Maubank. The said John and Margery acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Abbot and his church of St. Mary of Vale Royal.

No. 55. 27 Edw. 1. Hemmigton, Robert de, Clerk; and Praers, William de — One messuage and eight acres of land in Little Barwe and Great Barwe. The said William acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Robert, as of the gift of the said William.

No. 56. 27 Edw. 1. Venables, William de of Neubolt; and St. Werburge Chester, Abbot of. — Advowson of the church of the Blessed Mary of Astebury. The said William acknowledges the said advowson to be the right of the said Abbot and his church of St. Werburge Chester.

No. 57. 27 Edw. 1. Wild, William son of Thomas overseer of Newhall; and Le Gyr, Richard, of Newhall. — One messuage and the moiety of a carucate of land in Newhall. The said Richard acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said William, as of the gift of the said Richard.

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No. 58. 27 Edw. 1. — Le Straunge, Fulk, Knovill, Bogon de and Alianora his wife; and Griffin, Rotheric son of, Katherine his wife, and Hadelegh, Cadugon de. — A pool raised to the damage of the free tenement of Fulk, Bogon, and Alianora, in Northbury and Merbury. The said Fulk, Bogon, and Alianora grant that the said pool remain in the state it was when this fine was made. In return the said Rotheric and Katherine grant to the said Fulk and his heirs 10*s.* rent in Northbury issuing from the lands and tenements which belonged to Roger son of Ranulph de Oldyngton.

No. 59. 28 Edw. 1. — Fouleshurst, Richard de; and Edelaston, Richard son of Peter de. — Manor of Edlaston, with 12*d.* rent in Nantwich. Richard de Fouleshurst acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of Richard de Edelaston, as of the gift of Richard de Fouleshurst.

No. 60. 29 Edw. 1. — Worleston, Walter de and Johanna his wife; and Harecort, Robert de. — Manor of Worleston. The said Walter and Johanna acknowledge the moiety, and the capital messuage of the said manor, as far as the stream running from the old ditch near the park, and one acre of wood (within the park) next adjacent to the said capital messuage beyond the said stream, one cottage, five acres of land called Whiteforlong, and a meadow called Whiteforlonges Medewe, which messuage, wood, cottage, land, and meadow remain by this fine to the said Robert over and above the said moiety of the manor (except the homage and service of Richard de Wrennebury, Robert de Bebington, and Hugh de Berneston, which remain by this fine to the said Walter and Johanna and the heirs of Johanna), to be the right of the said Robert de Harecort, together with the homage and service of William Knyvet, Thomas Faber, the moiety of the service of William son of Simon le Wodeward, and 3*d.* annual rent to be received from William de Fonte, by service which belongs to that tenement; and the said Robert acknowledges the residue of the whole manor to be the right of the said Johanna, to hold to the said Walter, Johanna, and the heirs of Johanna, together with the homage and service of the said Richard, Robert, and Hugh, the moiety of the service of William son of Simon le Wodeward and 3*d.* annual rent from William de Fonte.

No. 61. 29 Edw. 1. — Dutton, Roger de; and Dutton, Hamo de. — Manors of Asshelegh and Tymperlegh and 18 acres of land in Hale. The said Hamo acknowledges the said manor of Tymperlegh and 18 acres of land in Hale to be the right of the said Roger. And the said Hamo acknowledges the said manor of Asselegh to be the right of the said Roger, who grants it to the said Hamo, to hold to himself and the heirs of his body of the said Roger and his heirs by the yearly service of 1*d.*, and, failing heirs, with reversion to Roger and his heirs.

No. 62. 29 Edw. 1. — Munshull, Richard de and Alice his wife; and Crue, Sibilla de. — Sixty acres of wood in Ashton near Cholmundeston. The said Sibilla acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Richard and Alice, as of the gift of Sibilla.

No. 63. 29 Edw. 1. (Flint.) — Foulburne, William de, Clerk; and Busshel, William and Matilda his wife. — Eight acres one rood of land in Rothelan. The said William and Matilda his wife acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said William de Foulburne, as of their gift.

No. 64. 30 Edw. 1. — Mascy, Richard son of Richard de; and Edisshelegh, Hamo de. — One messuage and one carucate of land in Chedle. The said Hamo acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Richard, as of the gift of the said Hamo.

No. 65. 30 Edw. 1. — Mottrum, John de; and Vernon, Richard de. — Manor of Merpul. The said John acknowledges the said manor to be the right of the said Richard.

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No. 66. 30 Edw. 1. — Alvane, William son of John; and Bate, Robert and Beatrice his wife. — A messuage in Nantwich. The said Robert and Beatrice acknowledge the said manor to be the right of the said William as of their gift.

No. 67. 31 Edw. 1. — Wystanston, Richard de; and Wystanston, James de, and Alice his wife. — One messuage, three acres of land, and nine acres of wood in Wystanston. The said James and Alice acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Richard, as of their gift.

No. 68. 31 Edw. 1. — Waverton, John son of Hugh de and Augarret his wife; and Huxelegh, John de, and Mabilla his wife. — 6*s.* rent in Barton near Codyngton. The said John and Mabilla acknowledge 5*s.* 11*d.* of the said rent to be the right of the said John and Augarret.

No. 69. 31 Edw. 1. — Modburlegh, John son of William de; and Modburlegh, William de, senior. — Thirteen messuages, 60 acres of land, 12 acres of wood, the moiety of two water mills, and the moiety of a fulling mill in Tatton and Netherpevere. The said John acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said William, who regrants them to the said John and the heirs of his body, and, them failing, with reversion to William and his heirs.

No. 70. 31 Edw. 1. — Hellesby, William de, and Hawysia his wife; and Happesford, William de, Chaplain. — Seven messuages and two carucates of land in Hellesby. The said William de Happesford grants the said tenements to the said William de Hellesby and Hawysia and their heirs, and, them failing, with remainder of a moiety of the said tenements to Christiana de Berchynton sister of William de Hellesby, and of the other moiety to Margery sister of the same William.

No. 71. 32 Edw. 1. — Fouleshurst, Hugh de; and Wylaston, Hugh de and Alice his wife. — Fourth part of one messuage in Nantwich. The said Hugh and Alice his wife acknowledge the said tenement to be the right of the said Hugh de Fouleshurst.

No. 72. 32 Edw. 1. — Fouleshurst, Hugh de; and William son of Robert son of Ralph and Matilda his wife. — Fourth part of a messuage in Nantwich. The said William and Matilda acknowledge the said tenement to be the right of the said Hugh.

No. 73. 32 Edw. 1. — Vernon, Ralph son of Ralph de; and Mottrum, John de. — Manor of Mottrum. The said Ralph grants to the said John the said manor (except 200 acres of wood therein) at a yearly rent of 16*s.* 8*d.* The said manor to revert to the said Ralph and his heirs on the death of the said John. [Indorsed] Robert de Mottresheved, and Roger son of John de Mottrum put in their claim against the above fine.

No. 74. 33 Edw. 1. — Roger, son of Roger; and Le Hunte, Roger son of Robert. — One messuage, one bovate and 60 acres of land, five acres of meadow, six acres of wood and moor, sixth part of a mill, and the service of Robert le Hunte, in Thelewell, and one messuage, 20 acres of land, and the service of Thomas de Apelton, in Apelton. The said Roger son of Robert grants the said tenements to the said Roger son of Roger and his heirs, and, them failing, with remainder to Robert brother of Roger son of Roger and his heirs, and, them failing, with remainder to Richard brother of the same Robert and his heirs, and, them failing, with reversion to the aforesaid Roger son of Robert and his heirs.

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No. 75. 33 Edw. 1. — Griffin, Rotheric son of, and Katherine his wife; and Ithel, Eignon son of, and Alice his wife. — One messuage, eight acres of land, three acres of wood, three acres of heath, and the third part of the third part of a mill in Masefen. The said Eignon and Alice acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Rotheric and Katherine, and the heirs of Rotheric.

No. 76. 33 Edw. 1. — Griffin, Rotheric son of, and Katherine his wife; and Cawordyn, Philip de and Eva his wife. — Manor of Masefen, except four messuages, four bovates of land, six acres of wood, six acres of heath, and two parts of a mill in the same manor. The said Philip and Eva acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Rotheric and Katherine and the heirs of Rotheric.

No. 77. 33 Edw. 1. — Eccleshale, Stephen de, chaplain; and Guyt, Robert de, and Agnes his wife. — One bovate of land, the fourth part of a messuage and of one bovate of land in Crosselegh and Lauton. The said Robert and Agnes acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Stephen and his heirs.

No. 78. 33 Edw. 1. — Hole, Philip de; and Hole, Hugh de. — Three bovates and half an acre of land in Hole. The said Hugh acknowledges the said half acre to be the right of the said Philip; he also grants the remainder of the said three bovates of land, which Edmund de Hole and Agnes his wife hold in right of her dower, and which after her death revert to the said Hugh, to the said Philip.

No. 79. 33 Edw. 1. — Warrewyk, John de; and Ardene, John de. — Manor of Frankeby. The said John de Ardene acknowledges the said manor to be the right of the said John de Warrewyk, and that after the death of Peter de Brunyngton, clerk, who holds it for his life, it remains to the said John de Warrewyk, Matilda his wife, and the heirs of the said John.

No. 80. 34 Edw. 1. — Coten, William de and Johanna his wife; and Taylleur, Henry le, of Mulneton, and Alice his wife. — Four messuages, five bovates and a half of land in Hanlegh. The said Henry and Alice grant the said tenements to the said William and Johanna and to the heirs of the said Johanna, and, them failing, with reversion to the said Henry and Alice and the heirs of the said Alice.

No. 81. 34 Edw. 1. — Chetewynd, Philip de and Isabella his wife; and Puylesdon, Richard de and Agnes his wife. — One messuage and one carucate of land in Briddesmere. The said Richard and Agnes grant the said tenements to the said Philip and Isabella, and their heirs, and, them failing, with reversion to the said Richard and Agnes and their heirs.

No. 82. 34 Edw. 1. — Vernon, Ralph son of Ralph de; and Worleston, John de. — Homage and service of Richard de Wrennebury. The said John acknowledges the homage and service of the said Richard of the manor of Wrennebury, which he holds of the said John, to be the right of the said Ralph.

No. 83. 34 Edw. 1. — Wystanston, William son of Hamo de; and Wystanston, Hamo de. — Four messuages, one bovate, 40 acres of land, one acre of meadow, and 4*s.* rent in Wystanston. The said Hamo acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said William; and for this acknowledgment the said William grants to the said Hamo for life a moiety of the said tenements, with reversion, after Hamo's death, to the said William.

No. 84. 34 Edw. 1. — Wetenhale, Nicholas son of John de; and Oldinton Richard son of Ralph. — One messuage and 10 acres of land in Oldynton. The said Richard acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Nicholas, and the said Richard grants that the third part of the said

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tenements, held by Gilbert de Chircheton and Emma his wife in right of her dower, shall after her death remain to the said Nicholas and his heirs.

No. 85. 34 Edw. 1. — Chyrton, Richard de; and Cleyton, Ralph de and Alice his wife, Cleyton, Adam de and Isabella his wife. — Two messuages and one bovate of land in Hyrdeleston, and 44 acres of land and a water-mill in Walgherton, which tenements John de Whybunbury holds for life. The said Ralph, Alice, Adam, and Isabella grant the said tenements to the said Richard and his heirs.

No. 86. 34 Edw. 1. — Baggelegh, Nicholas de, and Emma his wife; and Edeslegh, Hamo de. — One messuage, 100 acres of land, two acres of meadow, and five acres of wood in Chedle. The said Hamo acknowledges the said tenements to be the right of the said Nicholas, to hold to the said Nicholas, Emma, and the heirs of Nicholas.

No. 87. 34 Edw. 1. — Bechinton, Simon son of John de; and Bechynton, John de and Agnes his wife. — Four messuages, five bovates of land, two acres of meadow, and moiety of a mill in Storeton, Podynton, and Kirkeby in "Waleya." The said John and Agnes acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Simon and his heirs, and, failing them, with remainder to Philip, Simon's brother, and his heirs, and, failing them, with remainder to Roger, Philip's brother, and his heirs, and, them failing, with reversion to the said John and Agnes.

No. 88. 34 Edw. 1. — Neuton, Robert de; and Denton, Adam son of Robert de, and Cecilia his wife. — Two messuages, 10 acres of land, two acres of meadow, four acres of wood, and three acres of moor in Neuton. The said Adam and Cecilia acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Robert and his heirs.

No. 89. 35 Edw. 1. — Macclesfeud, Roger de, and Isabella his wife; and Getegod, John. — The said Roger and Isabella acknowledge the said John to be a free man and of free condition.

No. 90. 35 Edw. 1. — Raby, Robert de, of Whitelegh and Alice his wife; and Modburgleygh, William son of Roger de. — One messuage, one bovate and five acres of land in Modburghlegh. The said William grants the said tenements to the said Robert and Alice and their heirs, and, failing them, with reversion to the said William.

No. 91. 35 Edw. 1. — Dutton, Hugh son of Hugh de; and Tuchet, Thomas. — Manor of Netherwhitelegh, except 12 messuages and 109 acres of land in the said manor. The said Hugh acknowledges the said manor (except the said 12 messuages and 109 acres of land) to be the right of the said Thomas.

No. 92. 35 Edw. 1. — Monte Alto, Robert de; and Macclesfeld, Roger de and Isabella his wife. — Forty acres of wood in Bosleye. The said Roger and Isabella acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Robert and his heirs.

No. 93. 35 Edw. 1. — Vernon, Ralph de, senior; and Hatton, John son of Hugh de, and Matilda his wife. — Manor of Hatton, 120 acres of land, 120 acres of wood, 15 acres of pasture, and 12 acres of meadow in Waverton, Brex', Chollegh, Aldreseye, Birches, and Boulesworth. The said John and Matilda acknowledge two parts of the said manor, and of all the said lands and tenements, to be the right of the said Ralph and his heirs; also that the other third part of the said manor and tenements, now held by Robert de Huntingdon and Christiana his wife in right of her dower, after the death of Christiana, remain to the said Ralph.

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No. 94. 35 Edw. 1. Baggeley, Ralph de; and Baggeleye, Richard de and Alice his wife. Manor of Bradeleye, with appurtenances in Hale. The said Richard and Alice acknowledge the said manor to be the right of the said Ralph, and the said Ralph grants the said manor to the said Richard and Alice for their life, with reversion after their death to the said Ralph, his heirs and assigns.

No. 95. 35 Edw. 1. Fox, William, of Duddon and Agnes his wife; and Clotton, Roger de. Moiety of the manor of Dutton, except one tost and 16 acres of heath in the same moiety. The said William and Agnes acknowledge the said moiety, except the said tost and 16 acres, to be the right of the said Roger. For which acknowledgment the said Roger grants one messuage and a moiety of the lands of the said moiety (with the aforesaid exceptions) to the said William and Agnes for their life, with reversion, after their death, to the said Roger and his heirs.

No. 96. 35 Edw. 1. Malpas, Richard de and Matilda his wife; and Trogford, Roger de and Felicia his wife. Moiety of two messuages and five acres of land in Malpas. The said Roger and Felicia acknowledge the said tenements to be the right of the said Richard and Matilda and the heirs of Richard.

No. 97. 35 Edw. 1. Vernon, Ralph son of Ralph de; and Lostok, Richard de. Manor of Lostok Gralau. The said Richard acknowledges the said manor to be the right of the said Ralph. And for this acknowledgment the said Ralph grants the said manor to the said Richard for life, and after his death to remain to Johanna, daughter and heir of the said Richard, and her heirs, and, them failing, to revert to the said Ralph and his heirs.

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No. 6.—Welsh Records.

Calendar of Deeds, Inquisitions, and Writs of Dower, enrolled on the Plea Rolls of the County of Chester.—Edward 3.—(Continued from the 27th Report, Appendix No. 4.)

The date in the margin is that of the entry as far as can be inferred from the heading of the membrane on which it appears; the date in italics at the end of each entry is the reference to the Roll.

1 Edw. 3. Ravenscroft, Emma who was the wife of William de, against Peter, Abbot of Dieulacres. Dower of two messuages and sixteen acres of land in Byneley; against Richard Cruplok, dower of one acre of land in the same town; and against John de Fandon, dower of one acre of land in the same town. [1 & 2 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1 *d*, 6, 8, 10, 14.]

1 Edw. 3. Oldynton, Richard de, and Alice his wife, late wife of William son of John de Vernon, against the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield. Dower of a moiety of a water mill in Tervyn. [1 & 2 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6, 13.]

1 Edw. 3. Dokenfeld, Robert de, and William son of William de Stokport, chaplain. Fine—manors of Dokenfeld and Brynynton. [1 & 2 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

2 Edw. 3. Donecastre, William de, senior, and Felicia his wife, and Catherine de Donecastre. Fine—tenements in Netherbebynton and Pulton Launcelyn. [1 & 2 *Edw. m.* 14.]

2 Edw. 3. Oldyngton, Richard de, and Alice his wife, and Roger, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield. Fine—the third part of a moiety of one mill in Tervyn. [1 & 2 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16.]

2 Edw. 3. Fyton, Thomas, and Isabel his wife, and Thomas son of Thomas Fyton, and Isabel his wife. Fine—tenements in Pounale and Chorlegh. [1 & 2 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

2 Edw. 3. Lee, Griffin son of Wronowe de la, and Agnes his wife, and William son of Christian de Moldeworth, and Agnes his wife. Fine—a tenement in Huxlegh. [1 & 2 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

2 Edw. 3. Eccleshale, John de, chaplain, and Richard de Wrennebur' and Alina his wife. Fine—a tenement in Bromale, near Cowel. [1 & 2 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

2 Edw. 3. Orel, Agnes who was the wife of Henry de, against Richard son of Roger de Coghull. Dower of one messuage, four bovates of land, and four acres of meadow in Chorleton-in-Wirhale. [1 & 2 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

2 Edw. 3. Basyngwerk, William de, and Agnes his wife, formerly wife of Richard le Clerk, against John son of John de Doresbur', and Margery his wife. Dower of two messuages, one toft, and one carucate of land, and of a third of forty acres of meadow in Upton, near Newton. [1 & 2 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

2 Edw. 3. Holeye, Matilda who was the wife of John de, against Matilda who was the wife of William de Modberl'. Dower. [1 & 2 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

2 Edw. 3. Thlewelyn, Madok ap. Charter of Hamond de Masey, who held of the Queen, on a lease of seven years, the manors of Macclesfield and Overton, appointing the said Madok his deputy or sub-lessee of the said manors. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1.]

2 Edw. 3. Overton, John son of Philip de, and Robert son of Philip de Overton. Fine—tenements in Overton and Egge. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

2 Edw. 3. Praers, William de, and Richard Capenhurst and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Upton-in-Wirhale. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

—— and Hugh Many and Hawisia his wife. Fine—tenements in Upton-in-Wirhale. [*Ibid.*]

2 Edw. 3. Blaston, Simon de, and Joan his wife, and Randal son of Richard de Hulfelde, and Christiana his wife. Fine—tenements in Tervyn and Ouscroft. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

No. 6.—Welsh Records: Deeds, Inquisitions, &c.—*continued*.

3 Edw. 3. Hildeslegh, Master John de, clerk, and John son of Richard de Sutton. Fine—castle and hundred of Malpas, manors of Shokkelach, Bradeleye, and Ageton, a moiety of the manor of Chirchecristelton, three parts of the manors of Overfolwych and Netherefolwych, a moiety of a third of the mill of Barton, a fourth of the manor of Rowecristelton, the serjeanty of the peace for Malpas, and a third of the advowson of the church of Malpas. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

3 Edw. 3. Cherleton, John de, and Master John de Hildeslegh, clerk. Fine—castle and hundred of Malpas, manors of Shokelache, Bradeleye, Ageton, a moiety of the manor of Chirchecristelton, three parts of the manors of Overefolwych and Netherefolwych, a moiety of a third part of the mill of Barton, a fourth part of the manor of Rowecristelton, and of the serjeanty of the peace of Malpas, and three parts of the advowson of the church of Malpas. The said manors, &c., being held of the Earl of Chester *in capite*, a licence of alienation was granted to John son of Richard de Sutton to enfeoff John de Hyldeslegh, clerk, and Peter de Rithre, clerk, of the castle, hundred, manors, &c., mentioned in the above fine, to hold the same to them and their heirs for ever, together with the reversion of the manor of Yeyton on the death of Robert de Sutton; with license to the same John and Peter to give the same castle, hundred, manors, &c., to John de Chorleton for life, with remainder to John son of John son of Richard de Sutton and Isabel daughter of the aforesaid John de Chorleton, his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, and them failing to the right heirs of the aforesaid John de Chorleton, and to grant that the manor of Yeyton, on the death of the said Robert, should remain to John de Chorleton in perpetuity. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

3 Edw. 3. Hildesleye, John de, clerk. Charter of, granting to John son of Richard de Sutton, knight, an annuity for life of 100*l.* yearly. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

3 Edw. 3. Bromlegh, Walter de, clerk, and William son of William de Wystanston, and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Wystanston, Wich-Malbank, Leghton, Northbury, and Wyreswalle. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

3 Edw. 3. Hogh, William del, and John de Wyntanelegh and Amer' his wife. Fine—tenements in Aldelyme. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

3 Edw. 3. St. Pierre, Isolda who was the wife of Urian de, against Richard de Caurthyn. Dower of one messuage and twenty acres of land in Cudynton. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13, 18 *d*, 7. 3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 5.]

—— The like. Dower of thirty acres of land in Malpas. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

3 Edw. 3. Prestecote, Alice who was the wife of Robert brother of Thomas de, "late" vicar of Acton. Deed of, granting all her goods and chattels to John, Thomas, and Adam, her sons. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13 *d.*]

3 Edw. 3. Basyngwerk, abbot and convent of. Licence to acquire ten librates of land and rent yearly, if found by inquisition that it would not be to the King's damage; an inquisition being made, it was returned that John son of Jordan de Mottrom held the manor of Westkirkby of the said abbot, and that it was of the yearly value of 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; that the said abbot would have the custody of the land and marriage of the heir; that the said manor was held by knight's service and scutage, viz., 2*s.* when the scutage was 40*s.*, and more or less, according to the amount of the scutage, and that it was not to the damage of the King that the said abbot and convent should acquire the said manor, to them and their successors for ever. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13 *d.*]

—— Abbot of, and John son of Jordan de Mottrom. Fine—manor of Westkirkeby. [*Ibid.*]

3 Edw. 3. St. Pierre, Isolda who was the wife of Urian de, against Philip Lether. Dower of one messuage and fifty acres of land in Shibbrok. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13 *d.*]

3 Edw. 3. Becheton, Robert son of Matthew de, and Ken' de Calvylegh and Matilda his wife. Fine—six acres of land and fourteen acres of wood in Calvylegh. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

3 Edw. 3. Legh, John son of John son of Hugh de, and John son of Hugh de Legh, and Joan his wife. Fine—three messuages, thirty-four acres of land, and thirty acres of waste in Alpram. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

No. 6.—Welsh Records: Deeds, Inquisitions, &c.—*continued.*

3 Edw. 3. Hogh, Richard del, junior, and William de Pennesby and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Thorneton Maheu. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

3 Edw. 3. Byle, William, and Felicia his wife, and Thomas Byle. Fine—tenements in Aldelyme. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

3 Edw. 3. Torond, William, and William de Bacford, chaplain. Fine—manor of Molynton Torond. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

3 Edw. 3. Brichull, William son of Peter de, and Cicely his wife, and Richard de Westkyrkby, clerk, and Annabel his wife, Christian and Margery their daughters, and Richard son of Robert de Groseby and Agnes his wife. Fine—tenements in Moreton in Wirhale. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

3 Edw. 3. Vernon, Isabel who was the wife of Richard de, senior, against William son of Richard de Vernon and Matilda, who was the wife of Richard de Vernon, junior. Dower. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

3 Edw. 3. St. Pierre, Isolda who was the wife of Urian de, against David de St. Pierre. Dower of one messuage and sixty acres of land in Wich-Malbank; the said David vouches to warranty John son of Urian de St. Pierre. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19 *d.* 3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1.]

3 Edw. 3. Coton, John son of William de, and Henry son of Roger de Wevere and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Wymbaldesl'. [2 & 3 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

3 Edw. 3. Chetilton, William de, and John his son, and Robert son of Robert de Bulkylegh, and Letitia his wife. Fine—Estovers in the wood of Batynton. [2 & 8 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

3 Edw. 3. Mascy, William le, "le Parker" of Pecforton. Deed of, granting all his goods and chattels, together with his land, to Robert his son. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1 *d.*]

3 Edw. 3. Astebrok, Thomas de, and Roisia his wife, against Richard le Bret, of Multon, and Margaret his wife. Dower of one messuage, one carucate of land, three acres of meadow, six acres of wood, and ten acres of pasture in Multon. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1 *d.*]

3 Edw. 3. Grovenour, Margaret who was the wife of Robert le, of Buddeworth, against Randal de Wetenhale and Sibyl his wife. Dower of one messuage, forty acres of land, six acres of meadow, and twenty acres of wood in Buddeworth, near Oure; the said Randal and Mabel vouch to warranty Robert le Grovenour, brother of Richard le Grovenour, brother and heir of the same Richard. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3 *d*, 8.]

3 Edw. 3. Audeleye, James son of Hugh de, and Richard de Boghay, and Benedict de Sutton and Bertrea his wife, and John son of Benedict de Sutton. Fine—tenements in Alshacher. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

3 Edw. 3. Coton, John son of William de, and Henry son of Roger de Weure, and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Wymbaldeslegh. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

3 Edw. 3. Greysty, Hamond son of Hugh de. Inquisition taken on a writ *ad quod damnum*, finding that the said Hamond might close a path leading on his own proper soil from the water of . . . . . to his messuage in Chackylegh; that the way so to be closed was twenty perches long and three feet wide; and that he should make another more convenient way, to follow the new ditch, as commanded by the jury. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7 *d.*]

3 Edw. 3. Codynton, Leuk' who was the wife of Robert de, against Richard son of Robert de Codynton. Dower of six messuages and thirty acres of land in Horton, near Tilstan. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8, 14.]

4 Edw. 3. Orreby, Joan who was the wife of John de, against Richard son of John de Weure. Dower of 40*s.* rent in Chorleton, near Cudynton. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

—— The same, against Ellen who was the wife of Richard de Foules-hurst. Dower of three messuages, one mill, fifty acres of land, six acres of meadow, and three acres of wood in Wich-Malbank and Batynton; the said Ellen vouches to warranty Robert son of Matthew de Becheton, who vouches to warranty John son of Philip de Orreby, kinsman and heir of the aforesaid John. [*Ibid.*, 9 *d.*]

4 Edw. 3. Waldeboef, Henry, and Alice his wife, and William son of Hona son of Eignon de Bykelegh. Fine—tenements in Bykelegh. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

No. 6.—Welsh Records: Deeds, Inquisitions, &c.—*continued.*

4 Edw. 3. Fyton, Thomas, and Isabel his wife, against Robert de Stanelegh. Dower. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

4 Edw. 3. Orreby, Joan who was the wife of John de, against John de Huxlegh. Dower of three and a half acres of meadow and two acres of moor in Foukestapelford; the said John vouches to warranty John son of Philip de Orreby, kinsman and heir of the said John de Orreby. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11. *d.*]

4 Edw. 3. Orreby, Joan who was the wife of John de, against John son of William Cook. Dower of three messuages and fifteen acres of land in Foukestapelford; the said John vouches to warranty John son of Philip de Orreby. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11. *d.*]

—— The same, against William son of William de Rosmegrene. Dower of one messuage and six and a half acres of land in Foukestapelford; the said William vouches to warranty John son of Philip de Orreby. [*Ibid.*]

—— The same, against Adam son of Richard del Hales. Dower of one messuage, eight acres of land, and three acres of wood in Foukestapelford. [*Ibid.*]

—— The same, against William de Wetfeld. Dower of five messuages and twelve acres of land in Foukestapelford. [*Ibid.*]

—— The same, against William de Coton. Dower of 46*s.* 8*d.* annual rent in Waverton, near Hacton. [*Ibid.*]

4 Edw. 3. Fouleshurst, Ellen who was the wife of Richard de, against Richard son of Richard de Fouleshurst. Dower of one hundred messuages, fourteen tofts, twelve salt pits, sixty-two acres ———, one acre of meadow, and a moiety of one salt pit. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11 *d.*]

4 Edw. 3. Huxlegh, John son of Nicholas de. Inquisition upon a writ of *ad quod damnum*, finding that the said John might without damage, &c., close a way on his own land leading from the water of Huxleghbrok, between his manor and "le Cokshete," in Huxlegh, towards Chester; that the said way was fifty perches in length and two perches in width; and that in lieu of the said way so closed the said John might make another of the same length and width, to commence at the corner "del Cokshete" on the north, and so going round "le Cokshete" to the highway which leads towards Chester. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

4 Edw. 3. Griffyn, John. Deed of, quit-claiming all right in seven acres of land, two acres of meadow, and six acres of wood in Batynton, called "Walcotele," to Ellen de Fouleshurst and her heirs. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13 *d.*]

4 Edw. 3. Baggelegh, William de, senior, and John de Ardene, senior, and Joan his wife. Fine—tenements in Echeles. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

4 Edw. 3. Fyton, Thomas, and Isabel his wife, against Robert de Stanelegh, senior. Dower of three bovates of land in Stanelegh. [3 & 4 *Edw.* 3 *m.* 18. 4 & 5 *Edw.* 3 *m.* 6.]

4 Edw. 3. Huxlegh, Robert de, Roger de Clocton, and Randal de Hulfeld. Inquisition *ad quod damnum*, finding that it was not to the damage of the king, &c., that the said Robert, Roger, and Randal should close a path, twenty perches long and two and a half feet wide, leading on their own land in the town of Clocton, from Utkynton towards Chester, so that they made another path as appointed by the jury. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1 *d.*]

4 Edw. 3. Astebrok, Thomas de, and Roisia his wife, late wife of Hamo son of Richard le Brette, against Thomas le Tieu, Chaplain. Dower of two messuages, twenty acres of land, and two acres of meadow in Bostok. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3 *m.* 4.]

4 Edw. 3. Kent, Maria who was the wife of Peter de, against Cristiana who was the wife of William le Mercer, of Middlewich. Dower of two parts of two messuages in Middlewich; the said Cristiana seeks the aid of John, son and heir of the aforesaid William, who together with the said Cristiana vouches to warranty Thomas son of Geoffrey le Chaloner kinsman and heir of the aforesaid Peter. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4 *d*, 7 *d*, 9 *d*, 10, 11 *d.*]

—— The same, against Thomas son of William le Mercer. Dower of one messuage in Middlewich; the said Thomas vouches to warranty John son and heir of William le Mercer. [*Ibid.*]

No. 6.—Welsh Records: Deeds, Inquisitions, &c.—*continued.*

4 Edw. 3. Stapelegh, Peter de. Inquisition *ad quod damnum*, finding that it was not to the damage of the King, &c., that the said Peter should close a way two hundred and twenty perches long and forty feet wide, leading from Holebek towards Wich-Malbank, near Ambaldeside, on the east part of his manor of Stapelegh, so that he made another way two hundred perches long and forty feet wide on the west side of his said manor. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 5 *d.*]

5 Edw. 3. Codyngton, John de, clerk, and John le Frenshe, of Codyngton, and Sibyl his wife. Fine—tenements in Codyngton. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

5 Edw. 3. Smethewyk, Richard de, and Alesia his wife, and Richard de Vernon, of Whatecroft, and John Mareschal. Fine—manor of Smethewyk. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

5 Edw. 3. Spicer, Alianora who was the wife of William le, against William Beneson. Dower—two messuages in Wich-Malbank; the said William vouches to warranty William Colefox. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9 *d*, 13.]

5 Edw. 3. Wolegh, Richard son of Ralph de, and Ralph de Wolegh. Fine—tenements in Wolegh. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

— Edw. 1. Vernon, Ralph de. Charter of, granting his share of the land of Wolstanwode to Richard de Mascy his nephew, his heirs and assigns. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10. Undated, but prior to 1292.]

— Edw. 1. Mascy, Richard de, Kt. Charter of, granting, all his part of the land of Wolstanwode to Lord Robert Burnel, Lord of Acton Burnel, his heirs and assigns, for one silver penny yearly for all services. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10. Undated, but prior to 1292.]

— Edw. 1. Woninton, Robert de, and Matilda his wife. Charter of, granting all their share of the land of Wolstanwode to Robert Burnell, Bishop of Bath and Wells, his heirs and assigns, for one rose yearly for all services. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10. Undated, but prior to 1292.]

— Edw. 1. St. Pierre, Urian de, Lord of Pecforton. Charter of, granting all his share of the wood of Wolstanwode to Robert Burnell, Bishop of Bath and Wells, his heirs and assigns, for one rose yearly for all services. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10. Undated, but prior to 1292.]

— Edw. 1. Lostok, Richard de, and Agnes his wife. Charter of, granting all their share of the land of Wolstanwode to Robert Burnell, Bishop of Bath and Wells, his heirs and assigns, for one clove yearly, for all services. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10. Undated, but prior to 1292.]

— Edw. 1. Wetenhale, John de. Charter of, granting all his share of the land of Wolstanwode to Robert Burnell, Bishop of Bath and Wells, his heirs and assigns, for one penny yearly for all services. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10. Undated, but prior to 1292.]

5 Edw. 3. Pexhull, Ellen who was the wife of Roger son of William de, against Adam Deneys. Dower of a moiety of a sixth part of the manors of Pexhull and Hendebury; the said Adam vouches to warranty William le Poker. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11, 17. 5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

5 Edw. 3. Ridelegh, Robert de, junior, and John son of John Molendinar' and Angharet his wife. Fine—tenements in Ridel', Halghton, and Spurstowe. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

5 Edw. 3. Launcelyn, Henry. Exhibits a charter of Randal Earl of Chester, granting to Robert Launcelyn and his heirs to hold their land of Pulton and Bebynton free of shire and hundred "et de judicibus;" not to answer for any forfeiture unless before the Earl or his chief justice; to pay the Earl yearly 18*d.* for Shirnestuth and Streteward; the said Robert giving to the Earl "unum dextrar' falvum." The sheriff is commanded to allow the privileges as set forth in the charter [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

5 Edw. 3. Vernon, Anabilla who was the wife of Robert de, of Hatton, against Richard Mossok, Chaplain. Dower of the manor of Hatton near Huxlegh, excepting two messuages and thirty acres of land, of the manor of Chollegh, of an eighth part of the manor of Broxon, of an eighth part of Great Aldresеye, Middle Aldresye, and Crucke Aldreseye, of a fourth and moiety of a fourth part of the manor of Waverton, and of one acre of land in Little Cristelton. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

—— The said Richard vouches to warranty Ralph son and heir of the said Robert. [5 & 6 *Edw. m.* 1 *d*, 3 *d.*]

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5 Edw. 3. Fitzhenry, Henry, and Joan his wife, late wife of John de Orreby, against William de Coton. Dower of 46*s.* 8*d.* rent in Waverton, near Hatton; the said William vouches to warranty John son of Philip de Orreby kinsman and heir of John de Orreby, under the guardianship of Geoffrey Lescrop. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13 *d.*]

5 Edw. 3. Chester. Inquisition taken upon a writ issued to the justice of Chester, on the plaint of the Charterers of the county of undue oppressions and extortions practised by the beadles of the peace, sometime called Sergeants of the Chamber of Chester, finding that there were certain tenements in divers towns charged with "putura" of the beadles of the King and of the Earl of Chester whilst in the discharge of their office; that the tenants of such tenements furnished the aforesaid beadles with such meat and drink only as might be in the house without purchasing any other, or supplying anything else to them; that the Sheriff was accustomed to clothe his beadles; that the beadles in the time of Randal Earl of Chester and before served their summonses in person, on the testimony of two freeholders; that such was the custom until the time of Edward I. and up to the time of Robert de Bulkylegh Sheriff of Chester and Geoffrey de Withernasse beadle in the hundreds of Broxon and Edesbury; that afterwards other beadles came to the freeholders accustomed to certify to the summonses aforesaid, and took at first, but contrary to justice, moderate fines from them, one, two, or three pence at the most from each, that they should not be sent to parts far distant from their dwellings; that afterwards the said beadles not only delivered to the said freeholders the panells of names directed to them by the Sheriff, but other panells of an unlimited number of names, and compelled the said freeholders to serve the summonses as well within as without the hundred in which they dwelt, until they paid a fine, at the will of the said beadles, to be exonerated, by which extortions the said charterers were greviously oppressed. It seeming to the Justice of Chester that the execution of this inquisition would tend to the great decrease of the farm of the shrievalty, the matter was postponed; when another writ issued commanding him to proceed to execution, upon which another inquisition was had, finding that the beadles of the Earl of Chester unjustly vexed the poor freeholders of the County of Chester, called charterers [as set forth in the above inquisition]; that the said charterers were only bound to serve summonses within the hundred in which they dwelt, and for panells of 24 names, and that they were only bound to remain until the next county to testify to the serving of the summonses; that no freeholder having served one summons could be compelled to serve again until all of that tenure and hundred should have served, each in his turn; that the said beadles ought not to have offerings, "thiggyng," "fulcenale," nor any other profit, saving only "putura," of those tenements called "warelondes," and no other "putura," saving that which they should find prepared in the houses of those who resided upon the said lands called "warelondes," and which were assigned for the reception of the "putura" of the same beadles; upon which the sheriffs and their officers are commanded to cease from such extortions as were by the inquisitions charged to them. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

5 Edw. 3. Brumburgh, Henry de, chaplain, and James son of Roger de Coghull, and Agnes his wife. Fine—tenements in Morston, near Bacford. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16 *d.*]

5 Edw. 3. Fitzhenry, Henry and Joan his wife, late wife of John de Orreby, against Roger son of Robert le Bruyn, of Stapelford, dower of eight acres of pasture, six acres of wood, and three acres of moor in Foukestapelford; against John son of Nicholas de Huxlegh, dower of three acres and a half of meadow and two acres of moor in the same town; against Robert son of William de Huxlegh, dower of one messuage and eight acres of land in the same town; against John son of William Cocus, dower of three messuages and fifteen acres of land in the same town; against William son of William de Rosmegrene, dower of one messuage and six and a half acres of land in the same town; against William de Wetfeld, dower of five messuages

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and twelve acres of land in the same town ; and against Ellen who was the wife of Richard de Fouleshurst, dower of three messuages, one water-mill, fifty-six acres of land, six acres of meadow, and three acres of wood in Wich-Malbank and Batynton. The said Roger, John, Robert, John, William, William, and Ellen vouch to warranty John son of Philip de Orreby kinsman and heir of John de Orreby. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17 *d.*]

—— The same, against Adam son of Richard del Hales. Dower of one messuage, eight acres of land, and three acres of wood in Foukestapelford. [*Ibid.*]

—— The same, against Richard son of John de Wovere. Dower. [*Ibid.*]

5 Edw. 3. Legh, Ellen de. Inquisition *ad quod damnum*, finding that the said Ellen might without damage, &c., close a way sixty-four perches in length and two feet in width, leading from the town of Modberlegh to Knotesford, through the middle of the "Bothewode," provided she constructed another way sixty-nine perches in length and two feet in width, which should run outside a certain new pond, and so by the new ditch. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18 *d.*]

7 Edw. 3. Swynnerton, Roger de. Livery to, of the custody of the manor of Littelbarwe, which the King had granted to the said Roger during pleasure. Enrolled with the writ are the following proceedings, viz. : Inquisition, taken upon a writ [18 Feb., 5 Edw. 3.] to the Justice of Chester to inquire touching the lands of Hugh le Despenser, finding that the said Hugh, after his first exile, acquired the manor of Littelbarwe to himself and his heirs for ever, and afterwards enfeoffed Adam de Moldeworth of the said manor, of which the said Adam died seised ; Writ commanding the Justice of Chester to seise the said manor (30 Oct., 5 Edw. 3.) ; Inquisition finding that the said Adam held the said manor three years before the death of the said Hugh ; Writ commanding the said manor to be restored to the said Adam (28 Dec., 5 Edw. 3.) ; Writ ordering the said manor to be reseised, on an information that the said Hugh died seised of the same (6 Feb., 6 Edw. 3.) ; Inquisition finding that the said Adam had held the said manor three years before the death of the said Hugh ; Writ for the same to be restored to the said Adam (1 Aug., 6 Edw. 3.) ; Writ for the said manor to be again taken into the King's hands (2 Oct., 7 Edw. 3.) ; Extent of the said manor, finding that there was a capital messuage of the aforesaid manor with the bovery and vivary, yearly value 13*s.* 4*d.* ; a dovecot, yearly value 6*s.* 8*d.* ; twenty-five acres of land in demesne, yearly value of each acre 18*d.* ; seven acres of meadow, yearly value of each acre 4*s.* ; two acres of wood, and thirty acres of moor, the pasturage of which was of the yearly value of 13*s.* 4*d.* ; two parts of a water-mill, yearly value 35*s.* 6½*d.* ; nine freeholders, rendering yearly 18*s.* 10½*d.* ; and "terminarii," rendering yearly 11*s.* 6½*d.* ; total value of the said manor, less 4*s.* 1*d.* paid to the chief lords of the fee, 8*l.* 0*s.* 8½*d.* [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19. 5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 5 *d*, 19 *d.*]

5 Edw. 3. Huxlegh, Robert de, and Isabel his wife, and Thomas son of Stephen Dod. Fine—manor of Utkynton. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

—— The same, and Gilbert de Legh, chaplain, and Thomas son of Stephen Dod. Fine—manor of Huxlegh, and one messuage and twenty acres of land, in Foukestapelford. [*Ibid.*]

5 Edw. 3. Legh, Gilbert de, chaplain, and Thomas son of Stephen Dod, and Robert de Huxlegh. Fine—two messuages, seventy-four acres of land, 15*d.* of rent, and the rent of one pound of cinnamon, in Huxlegh. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

5 Edw. 3. Godelegh, Alice who was the wife of Henry de, against William de Baggelegh. Dower. [4 & 5 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

5 Edw. 3. Sonde, Thomas son of Robert de, and Hugh de Ridelegh and Margaret his wife. Fine—a tenement in Sonde. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

5 Edw. 3. Ridelegh, Robert de, senior, and Hugh de Ridelegh and Margaret his wife. Fine—third part of the manor of Sonde. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

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5 Edw. 3. Alsacher, Felicia who was the wife of Robert son of Nicholas de, against Robert de Bulkylegh, senior. Dower of one messuage and nine acres of land in Alsacher. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

5 Edw. 3. Holford, Margery who was the wife of Roger de, against Adam del Fernylegh. Dower. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4, 5, 7.]

5 Edw. 3. Combermere Abbey, confirmations of the charter of the 10th Edw. 1., and that of Randal Earl of Chester, 1230, confirming all grants and liberties made to the said abbey from its foundation; the liberties are fully set forth. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

6 Edw. 3. Crouther, Agnes who was the wife of Ken' son of Ken', against David son of Ken' le Crouther. Dower of one messuage and a moiety of an acre of land in Parva Egge; the said David vouches to warranty William son and heir of Ken' son of Ken' le Crouther. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8, 10, 12.]

6 Edw. 3. Torperlegh, Mabel who was the wife of Peter de, against Richard de Hulgreve. Dower of two acres of land in Torperlegh. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

6 Edw. 3. Bredbury, Adam de and Cicely his wife, and William de Stokport, chaplain. Fine—a moiety of the manor of Romylegh and seven parts of the manor of Bredbury. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

—— The same. Fine—a moiety of the manor of Hattreslegh, a sixth part of the manor of Stavelegh, one messuage, one carucate of land, twenty acres of meadow, and forty acres of brush, in Mottrum in Longedonedale. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

6 Edw. 3. Holford, Margery who was the wife of Roger de, against William son of Nicholas de Wynynton. Dower of two messuages, thirty-three acres of land, and one acre of meadow in Lostok Gralam. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10, 10 *d*, 13.]

6 Edw. 3. Picton, John son of Robert de, and William de Salghton and Margery his wife. Fine—a tenement in Hole. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

6 Edw. 3. Capenhurst, William de, citizen of Chester, and William de Bretton and Joan his wife, and Agnes sister of the same Joan. Fine—a tenement in Wyrvyn. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11, 13.]

6 Edw. 3. Grafton, William de, and John Welyn. Fine—manor of Grafton. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

6 Edw. 3. Wolfhull, William son of Thomas de, and Joesia his wife, formerly wife of Robert son of Hugh de Fouleshurst, against Richard son of Hugh de Fouleshurst. Dower of two messuages and one acre of land in Wich-Malbank. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13, 16 *d.*]

6 Edw. 3. Torperlegh, Mabel who was the wife of Peter son of Henry de, against William de Cudynton and Wernill' his wife. Dower of one messuage and ten acres of land in Torperlegh; the said William and Wernill' vouch to warranty Henry son of Peter de Torperlegh. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14. 6 & 7 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13 *d.*]

—— The same, against Henry le Taverner and Agnes his wife. Dower of one messuage and three acres of land in Torperlegh. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14. 6 & 7 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13 *d.*]

6 Edw. 3. Coton, William de, and Isabel his wife. Claim dower of the manor of Grafton which John Welyn granted to William de Grafton by fine. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14 *d.*]

6 Edw. 3. Wilchar, Juliana who was the wife of John, against Hugh Wadesone. Dower of one messuage in Northwich. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19. 6 & 7 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7 *d.*]

6 Edw. 3. Haselwall, John de, and Patrick de Haselwall and Joan his wife. Fine—a tenement in Parva Caldey. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

6 Edw. 3. Stonlegh, John de, chaplain, and Richard de Munshull, senior. Fine—tenement in Chirchemunshull. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

6 Edw. 3. Coton, William de, and Isabel his wife, and Simon de Blaston and Joan his wife. Fine—tenement in Tervyn. [5 & 6 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

7 Edw. 3. Bostok, Adam de. Inquisition on a writ *ad quod damnum*, finding that it was not to the damage, &c., that the said Adam should close a highway forty perches in length and forty feet in width, and a path forty perches in length and two feet in width, in Bostok, leading from Balshagh towards Middlewich, the said Adam constructing other ways in lieu thereof. [6 & 7 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7 *d.*]

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7 Edw. 3. Coton, William de, and Isabel his wife, and Adam son of Adam le Carte-wrughte, of Ousecrofte, and Margery his wife. Fine—tenement in Tervyn. [6 & 7 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

7 Edw. 3. Thorneton, Peter de, and William son of Robert de Thorneton and Agnes his wife. Fine—tenement in Thorneton, near Ines. [6 & 7 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

7 Edw. 3. Hulgreve, Thomas son of Matthew de, and John son of Matthew de Hulgreve and Alice his wife. Fine—tenement in Blakenhale. [6 & 7 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

7 Edw. 3. Picton, Richard de, and Alice his wife, and Henry de Eccles, chaplain. Fine—tenement in Greves, near Shotewyk. [6 & 7 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

7 Edw. 3. Henhull, Richard de, and Ralph de Hanewall, chaplain. Fine. [6 & 7 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

7 Edw. 3. Chaumberleyn, Beatrice who was the wife of Robert le, senior, against Adam de Moldeworth. Dower of the manor of Parva Barewe; and against Richard Mossok, chaplain, dower of one messuage and one carucate of land in Parva Cristelton. [6 & 7 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13 *d.* 7 & 8 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1.]

7 Edw. 3. Legh, Alice who was the wife of Thomas de, against Gilbert de Lymme and Annabel his wife, and William de Lymme. Dower of one messuage and ten acres of land in Lymme; the said Gilbert, Annabel, and William vouch to warranty Thomas son of Thomas Legh. [6 & 7 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15*d.*]

7 Edw. 3. Pecton, Richard de, and John Makkesone and Agnes his wife. Fine—tenements in Distelegh and the office of bailiff of the forest in Distelegh in the forest of Macclesfield. [6 & 7 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

7 Edw. 3. Brumburgh, Henry de, clerk, and Alice daughter of Adam de Crosselegh. Fine—tenements in Chirchelauton. [6 & 7 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

7 Edw. 3. Browe, Leuca who was the wife of William son of Hugh, against Hugh Benet. Dower of one mill in Tussincham; the said Hugh vouches to warranty Hugh son of William Honasone Browe, of Tussincham. [7 & 8 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1*d.*]

7 Edw. 3. Glasebrok, John son of William de, and . . . . . and Agnes his wife. Fine—tenements in Overepevere. [7 & 8 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

8 Edw. 3. Wyreswall, William son of William son of Eignon de, and John son of Michael de Wyreswall. Fine—tenements in Wyreswall. [7 & 8 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

8 Edw. 3. Coterel, Margery who was the wife of Randal, of Pull, against John son of Richard de Wrennebury. Dower of four acres of land in Whitepull. [7 & 8 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13 *d.*]

8 Edw. 3. Baret, John son of Nicholas, and Nicholas Baret. Fine—tenements in Lache, near Marleston. [7 & 8 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

8 Edw. 3. Holynworth, John de, and Ameria his wife, and Thomas son of John de Honford and Cristiana his wife. Fine—manor of Holynworth. [7 & 8 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

8 Edw. 3. Tochet, Robert, Kt. Charter of, granting to Thomas his son, and Joan wife of the said Thomas, the manor of Tatenhale and all other the lands and tenements of the said Robert in the county of Chester, excepting the manors of Buggelauton and Whiteley, and the advowson of the church of Middlewich. [7 & 8 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

8 Edw. 3. Wolegh, Sigrith who was the wife of William de, against Richard de Wolegh. Dower of two messuages, twenty acres of land, and twenty acres of meadow in Wolegh. [7 & 8 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18. 8 & 9 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3. *bis*, 7.]

8 Edw. 3. Wystanston, William de. Inquisition, finding that it was not to the damage, &c. that the said William should divert a way, nine perches in length, ... leading under the park of the said William from Monkescopenhale towards Wych-Malbank, and hold the said way to himself and his heirs, provided that he made another way in lieu of the one so diverted. [8 & 9 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1 *d.* Record defective.]

8 Edw. 3. Bradewall, Margery who was the wife of Richard de, against Thomas del Ermytes. Dower of one messuage and sixty acres of land in Bradewall; the said Thomas vouches to warranty Margery daughter of Thomas del Ermytes, who vouches to warranty John son of Alan de Becheton and

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Alice his wife and Margery sister of the same Alice, daughters and heirs of Richard son of Richard de Bradewall, clerk. [8 & 9 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

8 Edw. 3. Coterel, Margery who was the wife of Randel de, of Pull, against John son of Richard de Wrennebury. Dower of four acres of land in Whitepull; the said John vouches to warranty William son of Ralph de Vernon, of Vernon. [8 & 9 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 5, 10, 13, 19.]

9 Edw. 3. Wevere, Ellen who was the wife of Thomas de, against William son of Henry de Wevere, of Kynderton. Dower of one messuage and one carucate of land in Kynderton; the said William vouches to warranty Richard son and heir of Thomas de Wevere. [8 & 9 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6, 14.]

9 Edw. 3. Baggelegh, William de, senior, and Roesia his wife, and John Mareschall. Fine—tenements in Norworthyn, Kenworthey, Sydindon, Somerford, and Newton in Longedenedale. [8 & 9 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

9 Edw. 3. Wetenhale, Nicholas son of John de. Deed of, quit-claiming in favour of Roger de Grey, Lord of Deffrencloyt, all right to one carucate of land, sixty acres of wood, and a moiety of one mill in Wetenhale and Rushton. [8 & 9 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

9 Edw. 3. Chetelton, William de, and Richard son of Richard de Wrennebury. Fine—tenements in Batynton and Bromhale. [8 & 9 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

9 Edw. 3. Bradewall, Margery who was the wife of Richard de, against Richard son of Richard de Bradewall, and Ellen daughter of Thomas de Sondbach. Dower of four acres of land and two acres of pasture in Bradewall, and of one messuage, thirty-six acres of land, two acres of meadow, and four acres of pasture in Newton near Middlewich. [8 & 9 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

—— The like; the said Richard and Ellen vouch to warranty John son of Allan de Becheton and Alice his wife and Margery sister of the same Alice, daughters and heirs of Richard de Bradewall. [*Ibid. m.* 16 *bis*, 19 *bis.*]

9 Edw. 3. Swetenham, Agnes who was the wife of Nicholas de, against Richard son of John Busshel, of Middlewich. Dower of one messuage in Middlewich. [8 & 9 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18.]

9 Edw. 3. Wasteneys, Margaret one of the daughters and heirs of John de. Inquisition, finding that the said Margaret was born at Tabbelegh on the Sunday next before the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist 1320, was baptized in the church of Routhesthorn, and was 15 years of age on Friday on the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist "last past." [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1 *d.*]

9 Edw. 3. Newton, Richard son of Thomas de. Charter of, granting in fee-tail all his lands and tenements in Newton, near Wydeford, in the hundred of Macclesfield, to Richard his son, with successive remainders in fee-tail to Peter and Nicholas brothers of the said Richard, and, them failing, with reversion to the said Richard son of Thomas de, and his heirs for ever. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

9 Edw. 3. Massy, Robert, of Sale, and Robert parson of the church of Ashton. Fine—tenements in Sale, Norworthyn, and Nether Walton, and of a moiety of the manor of Sale and a fourth part of the piscary of Acton, near Nether Walton. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

10 Edw. 3. Honford, Richard de, and Ellen his wife, late wife of Hamo de Asshelegh, against Richard son of Robert de Bulkylegh, senior, and Agnes his wife. Dower of thirty messuages, two hundred acres of land, fifty acres of wood, and a hundred and sixty acres of pasture in Tymperlegh and Hale; the said Richard and Agnes vouch to warranty Robert de Chedle. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

10 Edw. 3. Hunte, Margaret who was the wife of Roger le, against Richard del Hall. Dower. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

10 Edw. 3. Stapelegh, Philip de, and Margery his wife, and William de Newton vicar of Wibbenbury. Fine—manor of Stapelegh. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

10 Edw. 3. Hogh, Hugh del, and Thomas del Wode, of Buyrton and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Shavynton. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

10 Edw. 3. Wystanston, Alice who was the wife of William de, and Hamo de Wystanston, junior. Dower, a third part of the manor of Wystanton, excepting two messuages, two mills, fifty acres of land, and forty acres of wood. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

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10 Edw. 3. Carynton, John de, and Robert parson of the church of Ashton. Fine—manor of Carynton, excepting three messuages, one bovate, and twenty-six acres of land, one acre of meadow, two acres and a sixth part of an acre of pasture, and a hundred acres of turbary. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

10 Edw. 3. Tuchet, Robert, Kt. Inquisition, finding that the said Robert gave the manor of Tatenhale to Thomas Tuchet his son and Joan, wife of the said Thomas, and the heirs of their bodies, in exchange for the manor of Cumbreyleghes and other tenements in the county of Salop; also that the said Robert gave in like manner to Robert his son, and his heirs for ever, the manors of Buggelauton and Whitelagh, the said Robert to pay annually to Simon Tuchet during the life of the said Robert Tuchet, Kt., 26 marks. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14 *d.*]

10 Edw. 3. Wevere, Ellen who was the wife of Thomas son of Henry de, against John son of Thomas de Wevere. Dower of three messuages, one carucate of land, and three acres of wood in Aston, near Cholmundeston. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

10 Edw. 3. Hunte, Margaret who was the wife of William son of Roger le, of Thelwall, against Isabel daughter of Roger le Hunte, of Thelwall, and Alice and Agnes, sisters of the same Isabel. Dower of nine messuages, forty acres of land, and a sixth part of one mill in Thelwall. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18 *d*, 27. 10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

—— The same, against Gilbert del Twisse. Dower of six acres of land in Thelwall.—Against Hugh son of Richard del Halle, of Thelwall. Dower of seven acres of land in the same town. [*Ibid. m.* 27.]

—— The same, against William de Alsacher and Ellen his wife. Dower of one acre of land in Thelwall. [*Ibid.*]

10 Edw. 3. Basingwerk, Richard Abbot of the Church of St. Mary de, and Richard del Celer and Alice his wife. Fine — manor of Westkyrkby. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

10 Edw. 3. Motlowe, John de, and Joesia his wife, and Hugh de Weverham. Fine—a sixth part of the manor of Magna Werford. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

10 Edw. 3. Becheton, Matthew de and Anabel his wife, and Peter son of John de Legh, and Ellen his wife, and John son of Matthew de Becheton. Fine—tenements in Becheton. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

—— The same, and Robert son of Matthew de Becheton. Fine—tenements in Becheton. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

10 Edw. 3. Audelegh, James de. Licence to, to grant one knight's fee and 60*s.* of rent in Weston, near Bertumlegh, Chorleton, near Wibbenbury, Stapelegh, and Tatton, two parts of the manor of Newehall, near Cumbermere, a third part of the manor of Wich-Malbank, and a fifth part of the manor of Wyreswall to Walter parson of the church of Newport, his heirs and assigns for ever; with licence to the same Walter to grant the same to the said James and Joan his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, and, them failing, to the right heirs of the said James. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19 *d.*]

—— Fine—between James de Audelegh and Joan his wife, and Walter parson of the church of Newport, touching the premises recited in the foregoing entry. [*Ibid.*]

10 Edw. 3. Hunte, Margaret who was the wife of William son of Roger le, of Thelwall, against William de Alsacher and Ellen his wife. Dower of one acre of land in Thelwall. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22.]

10 Edw. 3. Garderobe, Isabel who was the wife of John de la, against Yevan de Brocton. Dower of one messuage, nine acres of land, and four acres of meadow in Kinarton; the said Yevan vouches to warranty John son and heir of John de Garderobe and John son of John de la Garderobe. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22.]

—— The same, against Robert de Haurthyn. Dower of one messuage and twenty-three acres of land in Kinarton.—And against Gruff' ap Gronon. Dower of three acres of land in the same town. [*Ibid.*, and 10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1 *d*, 13, 16. 11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

—— The same, against William Thloyt. Dower of six acres of land

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in Kinarton ; the said William vouches to warranty John son and heir of John de la Garderobe. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22. 10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1 *d.*]

—— The same, against Yevan le Heyward. Dower of one messuage and two acres of land in Kinarton. [*Ibid.*]

—— The same, against Madoc son of Griff' ap Phelin. Dower of one messuage and six acres of land . . . . . [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22. Record defective.]

10 Edw. 3. Chaun, Thomas, and Hamo son of William de Wystanston. Fine—a fourth part of the manor of Wistanston. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

10 Edw. 3. Hamelyn, William, and Hamo son of William de Wystanston. Fine—a fourth part of the manor of Wistanston. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

10 Edw. 3. Hogh, Richard del, of Thorneton, and Hamo son of William de Wistanston. Fine—a fourth part of the manor of Wistanston. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

10 Edw. 3. Wode, Thomas del, of Wistanston, and Hamo son of William de Wistanston. Fine—a fourth part of the manor of Wistanston and advowson of the church of Wistanston. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

10 Edw. 3. Broun, Agnes who was the wife of Richard, of Wich-Malbank, against Fulk de Waley and Sibyl his wife and William son of Richard de Marchumlegh. Dower of three messuages in Wich-Malbank.—Against John Bonnalet and Alice his wife, dower of two acres of land in the same town.—Against Beatrice who was the wife of Hamo le Taillour, dower of one messuage in the same town.—Against William son of Richard de Ridelegh, of Fouleshurst, dower of two messuages in the same town ; and against Richard son of William Bronnesone, dower of one messuage in the same town. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27. 10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

10 Edw. 3. Dounes, Ellen who was the wife of Roger de, against Isabel, Queen of England, guardian of the land and heir of Roger de Dounes. Dower of thirteen messuages, a hundred acres of land, forty acres of meadow, a hundred acres of pasture, and a hundred acres of heath in Overalderlegh. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27 *d.* 10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

10 Edw. 3. Wronon, William son of, of Cudynton, and Cristiana his wife, and Richard de Cholmundelegh, senior, and Mabel his wife. Fine—tenements in Overcaurthyn. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 28.]

10 Edw. 3. Vernoun, Margaret who was the wife of Ralph de, of Mottrum, and Ralph son of Ralph de Vernoun. Dower. [9 & 10 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 28. 10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

10 Edw. 3. Troghford, Ellen who was the wife of William son of Robert de, against Richard de Morton and Roesia his wife. Dower of a seventh part of the manor of Alpreham. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1 *d*, 5.]

—— The same ; the said Roesia vouches to warranty Margery daughter and heir of William son of Robert de Troghford. [*Ibid. m.* 10, 13.]

10 Edw. 3. Venables, Hugh son of Hugh de, of Hynderton, and Roger son of Richard del Heth and Ellen his wife. Fine—tenements in Hertford. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

10 Edw. 3. Coton, Thomas de, chaplain, and William de Coton and Isabel his wife. Fine—tenements in Tervyn. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

11 Edw. 3. Boydel, Cicely who was the wife of Richard de, of Wallefeld, against John de Hulm and Alice his wife. Dower of the manor of Hulm. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.* 11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

11 Edw. 3. Pierre, St. John de, knight. Indenture of, granting to William Trussel, of Cubleston, the manor of Bikelegh for the support of Isabel, wife of the said John, to hold during the life of the said John, the said William to render yearly therefor during the life of the said Isabel 1*d.*, and after her decease 100 marks ; the said manor, on the death of the said William, to remain successively for life, under the above conditions, to Warin brother of the same William, John Trussel, of Acton, knight, John de Ardene, knight, Ralph de Vernon, of Shipbroke, and Laurence Trussel parson of the church of Mershton. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. 10 *d.*]

11 Edw. 3. Mascy, Hamo son of Richard de. Fealty of, for a sixth part of one knight's fee in Bacford. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

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11 Edw. 3. Davenham, Richard parson of the church. Licence to, to divert a certain way near his manor of Davenham. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

11 Edw. 3. Wetenhale, Nicholas son of William de, and William son of Hugh Rycher and Leticia his wife. Fine—a third part of a sixth part of the manor of Calvylegh. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

11 Edw. 3. Vernon, Robert son of Robert de, and Margery his wife, and John de Motlowe and Joesia his wife. Fine—one messuage and twenty-four acres of land in Magna Werford. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

—— The same. Fine—seven messuages, one bovate, and fifty-nine acres of land, and a sixth part of one mill in Magna Werford and Modberlegh. [*Ibid.*]

11 Edw. 3. Wevere, Ellen who was the wife of Thomas de, against Peter Abbot of Vale Royal. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

11 Edw. 3. Ademet, Alice who was the wife of William, against Adam son of William del Wode, of Hassale. Dower of two parts of the manor of Hassale. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11, 14.]

11 Edw. 3. Mascy, Agnes who was the wife of Richard de, against John de Warrewik, senior. Dower of one messuage and three bovates of land in Upton, near Morton. The said John vouches to warranty Hamo son and heir of Richard de Mascy. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

11 Edw. 3. Starky, Beatrix who was the wife of Richard, of Stretton, against Randal Starky, of Stretton. Dower. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

11 Edw. 3. Huxlegh, Isabel who was the wife of Robert de, and William Wowan, of Clotton, and Cecilia his wife. Fine — tenements in Huxlegh. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

11 Edw. 3. Baggelegh, William de, senior, and Roesia his wife, and John son of William de Somerford. Fine—tenements in Somerford, near Merton. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

11 Edw. 3. Flaxyordes, William son of Roger de, and Adam son of Adam Coghan and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Torperlegh. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

11 Edw. 3. Whytinton, Thomas de, chaplain, and Thomas de Praers, of Bertumlegh. Fine—manors of Bertumlegh, Landecan, and Crue, near Haselynton, 18*s.* rent in Netherbebynton, the serjeanty of the fee of the Countess of Warwick, and the advowsons of the churches of Bertumlegh and Wodechurche. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

11 Edw. 3. Crue, Margaret who was the wife of Patrick son of Thomas de, against John son of Richard de Wrennebury. Dower of two messuages, one water-mill, sixty acres of land, and twenty acres of pasture in Whitepull, Aston near Cholmundeston, Werleston, and Wich-Malbank. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15 *bis*, 24 *d.*]

—— The same; the said John vouches to warranty William son of Ralph de Vernon. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

11 Edw. 3. Shagh, Agnes who was the wife of William son of Gilbert del, of Chirchecopenhale, against Thomas son of Hugh son of Robert son of Margery, of Copenhal. Dower of five acres of land in Chirchecopenhale.—Against Mabel who was the wife of Robert son of Margery, of Copenhale, dower of two acres of land in the same town.—Against Thomas de Thiknes and Roesia his wife, dower of four acres of land in the same town.—Against Richard son of Robert de Brescy and Margery his wife, dower of four acres of land in the same town.—Against John Bricesone and Beatrice his wife, dower of two acres of land in the same town; and against John son of John de Croxton and Mabel his wife, dower of two acres of land in the same town. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15 *d*, 23, 23 *d.*]

11 Edw. 3. Brydel, Cecilia who was the wife of Richard de, of Wallefeld, against John de Hulm and Alice his wife. Dower of the manor of Hulme. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16.]

11 Edw. 3. Boudon, Alice who was the wife of William de, against Adam le Walker, of Tatton. Dower of three messuages, twenty-six acres of land, two acres of meadow, and two acres of moor in Aketon. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16.]

10 & 11 Edw. 3. Meere, Robert son of Richard del, and John de Munshull and Edith his wife. Fine — tenements in Buyrton, near Aldelyme. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

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10 & 11 Edw. 3. Bulkylegh, Richard son of Robert de, and Agnes his wife, and Richard de Marketon and Matilda his wife. Fine — tenements in Middlewich and Newton, near Middlewich. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

11 Edw. 3. Fyton, Richard son of John, and Hugh Fyton, parson of the church of Wylmeslowe. Fine — tenements in Pounale and Falyngbrom. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

11 Edw. 3. Fyton, John, and Hugh Fyton, parson of the church of Wylmeslowe. Fine—tenements in Pounale and Chorlegh and the advowson of the church of Wilmeslowe. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

11 Edw. 3. Moston, William son of Ralph de. Deed of, quitclaiming, in favour of William Thorp and his heirs, all title to the manor of Moston, together with the demesne rents, and services of the manor of Qwelok, excepting the lands and tenements of which the said William son of Ralph was seised at the time of making the said writing. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18, 23.]

11 Edw. 3. Boydel, Cicely who was the wife of Richard de, against Roger de Motlowe and Felicia his wife, and John son of Roger de Motlowe. Dower of three messuages and thirty acres of land in Hulm and Wallefeld. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19. 11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

—— The same, against Thomas del Clif and Joan his wife. Dower of one messuage, five acres of land, and four acres of moor and pasture in Hulm and Wallefeld. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

11 Edw. 3. Beston, Roger de, and Alice his wife, and Ralph Wyldebor and Margery his wife. Fine—tenement in Wych-Malbank. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

11 Edw. 3. Motlowe, John de, and Joesia his wife, and Geoffrey de Stocport and Alina his wife. Fine—manor of Magna Werford. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

11 Edw. 3. Grosvenour, Robert le, of Ruddeheth, and Emma his wife, and Richard de Montresheved and Margery his wife. Fine—a third part of the manor of Overalderdelegh. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

11 Edw. 3. Danyers, Agnes wife of Thomas. Deed of, quitclaiming, in favour of Richard de Sworton, his heirs and assigns, all right in the lands and tenements which she, the said Agnes, had of the gift and enfeoffment of the aforesaid Richard, in Sworton, in the territory of Legh. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

11 Edw. 3. Heth, John son of John del, and Nicholas Dek. Fine—tenements in Haselynton, Chirchecopenhale, and Hunsterton. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 30.]

11 Edw. 3. Hycokessone, Alice daughter of Thomas, of Caurthyn, and David del Halgh and Margery his wife, and Richard del Cruymbes and Agnes his wife. Fine—tenements in Clucton. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 30.]

11 Edw. 3. Wrennebury, John son of Richard de, and Robert son of John de, Kelshale. Fine—tenements in Barettespull and Hurdleston. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 30.]

11 Edw. 3. Sondbache, Richard de, and William de Blorton. Fine—manor of Sondbache and a moiety of the manor of Sprouston. [10 & 11 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 30.]

11 Edw. 3. Codynton, John de, clerk, and Thomas Tilemon and Mabel his wife. Fine—tenements in Clutton. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

—— The same, and Richard de Cholmundelegh and Mabel his wife. Fine—tenements in Barton. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

11 Edw. 3. Trussell, John, of Cubleston, and Richard Longespey, parson of the church of Wermyncham. Fine—manor of Wermyncham and the advowson of the church of the same manor. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

—— The same. Fine—manor of Northrode. [*Ibid.*]

—— The same. Fine—26*s.* 6*d.* rent in Poxhull and Hendebury. [*Ibid.*]

11 Edw. 3. Huxlegh, Peter son of John de, and Richard son of William de Wylmeslowe, and Emma his wife. Fine—sixty acres of land, four acres of meadow, and three acres of moor in Huxlegh. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

11 Edw. 3. Hogh, Hugh son of Richard del, and Ralph Swannylt and Leticia his wife. Fine— . . . messuages, forty acres of land, one acre and a half of meadow, and six acres of pasture in Blakenhale. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

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11 Edw. 3. Rondulf, Roger, chaplain, and John Bonvallet and Alice his wife. Fine—two acres and a half of land in Wich-Milbank. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

11 Edw. 3. Lauton, Richard de. Deed of, quitclaiming, in favour of Henry de Motlowe and his heirs, all right to lands and tenements in Boggelauton held by the said Henry. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

11 Edw. 3. Hamelyn, William, and Agnes his wife, and Walter de Bromlegh. Fine—tenements in Wystanston, Wich-Malbank, Wyreswall, Norbury near Merbury, Wylaston near Wyghtreston, and Leghton near Copenhale. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

11 Edw. 3. Basyngwerk, Richard Abbot of, and Richard de Stayneburn and Margery his wife. Fine—manor of Westkirkeby. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

12 Edw. 3. Dounes, Ellen who was the wife of Roger de, against Edmund de Dounes, guardian of the land, and heir of Roger de Dounes. Dower of seven messuages, one hundred acres of land, three acres of meadow, sixty acres of pasture, and twenty acres of marsh in Somerford near Daveneport. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

12 Edw. 3. Roer, William, and Richard Roer and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Norwych. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13, 14.]

12 Edw. 3. Wasteneys, Alice one of the daughters and heirs of John de. Inquisition, finding that the said Alice was 14 years old on Wednesday the feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary in the twelfth year of the then king's reign. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14 *d.*]

12 Edw. 3. Mutte, William Hullesone, and John de Waverton and Angharet his wife. Fine—tenements in Barton. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16.]

12 Edw. 3. Wilberham, Edith who was the wife of William son of Richard de, against William son of William de Wilberham. Dower of eight messuages, one fulling mill, one water mill, eighty acres of land, eight acres of meadow, two hundrsd acres of pasture, and ten acres of brush in Somerford near Daveneport. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

12 Edw. 3. Donn, Richard son of Richard, of Utkynton. Deed of, quitclaiming, in favour of Roger de Grey, Lord of Deffrenclut, and his heirs, all title to lands and tenements in the town of Torperleye, to the advowson of the church of the same town, the advowson of the chapel "de la Rode" called "le Ermitage," and the lordship of the manor of Torperleye, saving to him the said Richard and his heirs the service of one barbed arrow annually for all services due to him for the lands and tenements in the said town which Richard Donn gave to Robert Sprot and Beatrice sister of the same Richard. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18.]

12 Edw. 3. Mascy, Hamo de, and Joan his wife. Pardon to, for assarting without licence six acres of wood and three acres of heath within the cover of their wood of Bedeston in the forest of Wyrehale, eleven acres of heath under "le Hole" near "le Dobuttes" in the same forest, forty acres of heath without the cover within their manor of Bacford in the same forest, ten acres of heath on their own soil without the cover of the forest of Mara, of which two acres were near the moor of Tervyn and two acres near their manor of Kelshale and six acres in Langeleclif in the town of Kelshale. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

12 Edw. 3. Boydel, Cecilia who was the wife of Richard de, of Wallefeld, against John de Hulm and Alice his wife. Dower of four messuages, one water mill, a hundred and sixty acres of land, three acres of meadow, seven acres of wood, and a hundred acres of pasture in Hulm-Wallefeld. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25.]

—— The same, against Roger de Motlowe, senior, and Felicia his wife, and John son of the same Roger. Dower of three messuages, twenty-four acres of land, one acre of meadow, and one acre of wood in Hulm Wallefeld. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

12 Edw. 3. Werleston, Alice who was the wife of Thomas de, against John son of Richard de Wrennebury, guardian of the land, and heir of John son of Thomas de Worleston. Dower of the manor of Werleston, [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25 *d*, 29.]

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—— The same, against Hugh de Gledehurst and Lucia his wife Dower of one messuage, forty-three acres of land, and three acres of meadow in Werleston. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25 *d.* 12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1.]

—— The same, against Thomas de Haukeston and Ellen his wife. Dower of eight acres of meadow in Werleston, and against Roger Matthew, chaplain, dower of twenty acres of pasture in the same town. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25 *d.* 12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1. 12 *d*, 16, 18 *d.*]

—— The same, against David son of Patrick de Crue. Dower of one messuage and four acres of land in the same town. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25 *d.*]

12 Edw. 3. Cachepol, Beatrix who was the wife of Nicholas le, of Wych-Malbank, against Thomas son of Robert de Sonde. Dower of one messuage in Wych-Malbank. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 28.]

13 Edw. 3. —— The same; the said Thomas vouches to warranty Margery who was the wife of William Cachepol guardian of Hugh son and heir of William Cachepol. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

—— The same, against Hugh son of William Cachepol, del Holt. Dower of two messuages and a moiety of six salt-pits in Wych-Malbank. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 28. 12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

—— The same, against Robert son of William de Praers, of Badlegh. Dower of two messuages in Wych-Malbank. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 28. 12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

12 Edw. 3. Croxton, Alice who was the wife of Robert son of Richard de, against Peter Abbot of Dieulacres. Dower. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 29.]

12 Edw. 3. Eggerton, Philip son of David de, and John son of William son of Madoc de Eggerton and Matilda his wife. Fine—tenements in Eggerton. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 29.]

—— The same, and William son of Richard del Wode and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Eggerton. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 29.]

12 Edw. 3. Macclesfeld, Thomas de, and Elizabeth his wife, and Jordan de Macclesfeld and Lucy his wife. Fine—seven messuages and two carucates of land in Stubbes near Gouseworth, and a fifth part of the manor of Stanelegh. [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 29.]

12 Edw. 3. Griffin, John son of John, and Cicely daughter of John de Ardene, and John Griffin, senior, and Margery his wife. Fine—manor of Acton. . . . . [11 & 12 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 29.] [Record defective.]

12 Edw. 3. Gerard, William, senior. Lease to Geoffrey de Byroun, by the said William, of the said William's manors of Catenhal and Bradelegh, together with his share of the manor of Kyngeslegh, for seven years, at 12*d.* yearly. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1.]

12 Edw. 3. Fadilegh, Margery who was the wife of William de, against Henry son of William de Fadylegh. Dower of two parts of two messuages, one bovate of land, and one penny rent in Fadylegh; and against Sibyl who was the wife of William son of William de Fadylegh, dower of a third part of two messuages, one bovate of land, and one penny rent in the same town. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

12 Edw. 3. Rowecristelton, Emma who was the wife of Richard son of William de, against William son of William de Rowecristelton. Dower of one messuage and one carucate of land in Rowecristelton. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4 *d.*]

12 Edw. 3. Cachepol, Beatrix who was the wife of Nicholas, of Wych-Malbank, against Thomas son of Robert de Sonde. Dower of one messuage in Wych-Malbank; the said Thomas vouches to warranty Hugh son and heir of William Cachepol. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 5. 13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8 *d.*]

12 Edw. 3. Geydon, Master John de, and William de Blorton and John Mautravers, senior, and Joan his wife. Fine—a sixth part of the barony of Wich-Malbank. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

13 Edw. 3. Leversete, John son of William, and Agnes daughter of Richard de Venables, and William de Leversete and Isolda his wife. Fine—tenements in Smalwode. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

13 Edw. 3. Vernon, Agnes who was the wife of Thomas de, against Robert son of Robert de Vernon, of Great Werford, and Margery his wife. Dower of a sixth part of the manor of Great Werford. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

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13 Edw. 3. Bruyn, Randal le, and Robert son of Roger de Tervyn, and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Hokenhull. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

13 Edw. 3. Mulneton, Margery who was the wife of William de, against James son of William de Mulneton. Dower of seven messuages and forty acres of land in Mulneton near Acton. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

13 Edw. 3. Huxlegh, Alice daughter of Robert de, and late wife of Thomas de Werleston, against David son of Patrick de Crue, and Emma his wife. Dower of two messuages and five acres of land in Worleston; the said David and Emma vouch to warranty John son of Thomas de Werleston. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

13 Edw. 3. Holeheth. Inquisition, finding that the Earls of Chester never had any vaccaries on the said heath; that they held the said heath bounded by certain metes; that their men at peace during war-time were received there, for one year and a day, without giving anything for the said protection; and that the commonalty of the city of Chester had common of pasture on the aforesaid heath, for all their cattle, throughout the year from the time whereof the memory of man was not to the contrary, until John de Hole and other lords of the adjacent towns appropriated a great part of the said heath to the said towns. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14 *d.*]

13 Edw. 3. Haukeston, Thomas de, Kt. Deed of, quitclaiming, in favour of James Daudeleye, Lord of Redcaster and Helegh, his heirs and assigns, all right to the manor of Smalwode. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

13 Edw. 3. Porta, John de, chaplain. Charter of, granting all his lands and tenements in Buggelauton and Congelton, which he had of the gift and feoffment of Alexander Deneys, to Thomas son of Alexander Deneys and the heirs of his body, and, them failing, to the said Alexander Deneys and his heirs for ever. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

13 Edw. 3. Yekheth, Lucy who was the wife of Roger de, against Isabel who was the wife of Richard de Yekheth. Dower of one messuage, ten acres of land, and one acre of meadow in Burlond; the said Isabel vouches to warranty Thomas son and heir of Roger de Gledehurst. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16, 20.]

13 Edw. 3. Boydel, William son of John, Kt., Lord of Dodleston. Deeds of, granting to Thomas son of Sybil daughter of Ken' de Pulford, and the heirs male of his body, all his the said William's lands, which he had of the gift of Almaric Lengynour, in Kynarton, also all the lands and tenements in the same town which he had of the gift of Griffit' ap Ken' and Jor' his brother; with successive remainders to Richard and Robert brothers of the said Thomas, and the heirs male of their bodies, and, them failing, to the right heirs of the aforesaid William for ever. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22 *bis.*]

13 Edw. 3. Boydel, William son of William, Kt. Deed of, granting, for himself and his heirs, land called "Gorstilowe" in Kynarton, to Thomas son of Sibyl daughter of Ken' de Pulford and the heirs male of his body, with successive remainders to Robert and Richard brothers of the said Thomas and the heirs male of their bodies. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22 *d.*]

13 Edw. 3. Boydel, William son of John, Kt., Lord of Dodleston. Deed of, granting to Richard son of Sibyl daughter of Ken' de Pulford, and the heirs male of his body, the following lands and tenements, viz.: one messuage, two bovates of land, and one piece of meadow in the town of Dodleston, which he the said William had of the gift of Roger son of Wronowe of Stapulford, after a fine, levied between the said William and Robert de Doncaster, parson of the church of Gropenhale, of the manors of Dodleston and Gropenhale; two messuages and two bovates of land in Lacheford, which the said William had of the gift of Robert son of Hugh Boydel in the same town; two messuages and two bovates of land in the same town, which the said William had of the gift of Adam de Tabbelegh; and one messuage and one acre of land in the same town, which the said William had of the gift of the said Adam, with successive remainders to Thomas and Robert brothers of the said Richard, and the heirs male of their bodies, and, them failing, to the right heirs of the said William for ever. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22 *d.*]

No. 6.—Welsh Records: Deeds, Inquisitions, &c.—*continued.*

13 Edw. 3. Boydel, William, son of William, Kt. Deed of, confirming the preceding grant of his father William son of John. [*Ibid.*]

13 Edw. 3. Stoke, Alice who was the wife of Roger de, against Roger son of Roger son of Randal de Stoke. Dower of one messuage and twelve acres of land in Stoke, near Cholmundeston. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 23 *d.* 13, 14.]

13 Edw. 3. Hogh, Richard del, senior, and Robert le Baskerville and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Hogh, near Wybbenbury. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

13 Edw. 3. Mascy, Hamo de, of Podynton, and Hugh de Pulle and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Podynton. [12 & 13 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

13 Edw. 3. Stoke, Alice who was the wife of Roger de, against John son of Roger son of Randal de Stoke. Dower of one messuage, twelve acres of land, and four acres of meadow in Stoke, near Cholmundeston; the said John vouches to warranty Randal son of Roger de Stoke. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3. 14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

—— The same, against Thomas son of Randal de Stoke. Dower of one messuage, twelve acres of land, and a moiety of one acre of meadow in Stoke, near Cholmundeston. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

13 Edw. 3. Kerdif, Matilda who was the wife of Hugh de, against Margery daughter of Peter Doberel. Dower of one messuage in Knotesford. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

13 Edw. 3. Ridelegh, Robert son of William de, Agnes daughter of Ken' de Cholmundelegh, and William son of Robert de Ridelegh and Avicia his wife. Fine—tenements in Torperlegh and Utkynton. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

13 Edw. 3. Marchale, Jordan de, parson of the church of St. Peter, Chester, and William de Shavynton and Mary his wife. Fine—tenements in Kynarton. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

14 Edw. 3. Wrennebury, John son of Richard de, and Robert son of John de Kelshale. Fine—tenements in Barectespull and Hurdeleston. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

12 Edw. 3. Norrays, Alan son of Alan le, of Deresbury. Deed of, granting to Alan le Norrays his father, all his goods and chattels in Deresbury and Walton which he had of the gift of his said father. [Dated 12 *Edw.* 3. 13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15 *d.*]

—— The same, granting all his lands and tenements in Deresbury and Walton to the said Alan his father. [*Ibid.*]

14 Edw. 3. Fouleshurst, Emma who was the wife of Richard son of Hugh de, against Fulk de Waley and William son of Richard de Marchumlegh. Dower of nine acres of land in Wyllaston near Wych-Malbank. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17, 20 *d.*]

14 Edw. 3. Stoke, Alice who was the wife of Roger de, against Randal son of Roger son of Randal de Stoke. Dower of eighteen messuages, three water-mills, two hundred acres of land, and a hundred acres of pasture in Stoke, near Cholmundeston. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18 *d.* 14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

—— The same, against John son of Roger son of Randal de Stoke. Dower of one messuage, fifteen acres of land, and a moiety of one acre of meadow in Stoke, near Cholmundeston. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18 *d.*]

—— The same; the said John vouches to warranty Randal son and heir of Roger de Stoke. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22 *d.*]

—— The same, against Thomas son of Roger son of Randal de Stoke. Dower of one messuage, fifteen acres of land, and a moiety of one acre of meadow in Stoke, near Cholmundeston. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14 *d*, 20 *d.*]

—— The same, against Alice who was the wife of Roger son of Roger son of Randal de Stoke. Dower of three messuages and sixteen acres of land in Stoke, near Cholmundeston; the said Alice vouches to warranty William de Cholmundeley. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18 *d*, 22 *d.* 14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

14 Edw. 3. Cradok, Alice who was the wife of Nicholas, against Hugh Roer and Ellen his wife. Dower. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19, 21.]

14 Edw. 3. Fouleshurst, Emma who was the wife of Richard son of Hugh de, against Robert son of Urian de Praers. Dower of two messuages and nine acres of land in Wilaston near Wich-Malbank. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

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14 Edw. 3. Ingulfessone, Margery who was the wife of Simon, of Middlewich, against Randal son of John del Shagh, and Felicia his wife. Dower of twelve acres of land in Newton, near Middlewich. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

—— The same. Dower of eight messuages, two salt-pits, 18½*d.* rent, and a moiety of one acre of land in Middlewich. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

—— The same, against John de Acton of Middlewich. Dower of 19½*d.* rent in Middlewich. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

14 Edw. 3. Kegworth, Alice who was the wife of Richard de, against Roesia who was the wife of William de Baggelegh, and John her son. Dower of one messuage and nine acres of land in Norworthyn. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20, 23 *d.*]

—— The same; the said Roesia vouches to warranty Richard son of Richard de Kegworth. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 5 *d.*]

14 Edw. 3. Okes, Richard del, chaplain, and Robert del Mare and Sibyl his wife. Fine—tenements in Buyrton, near Aldelym. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

14 Edw. 3. Huxlegh, Peter son of John de. Deed of, quitclaiming to Thomas son of Robert Tuschet, and Joan his wife, and the heirs of the said Thomas, all right in eighty acres of land and wood in Tatenhale, and also to common of pasture, housebote, and haybote in the wood of Tatenhale, which John and Joan the father and mother of the said Peter held jointly, of the gift of the aforesaid Robert Tuschet. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

14 Edw. 3. Huxlegh, Nicholas son and heir of John de. Deed of, quitclaiming to Thomas son of Robert and Joan his wife, and the heirs of the said Thomas, all right to an annual rent of 10*l.* which the said John had of the gift of Robert Tuschet. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

14 Edw. 3. —— A like deed to the above, of Peter his brother. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

14 Edw. 3. Chidelowe, Alice who was the wife of David son of Eynon de, against Robert son of Eynon de Chidelowe. Dower of one messuage and four acres of land in Wyggelond. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22 *d.* 14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

14 Edw. 3. Hampton, Robert de, parson of the church of Aldirdelegh, and Roger de Maincestr', chaplain. Deed of, granting to John de Ardene, Kt. and Ellen his wife and Thomas their son, and his heirs male, the manor of Echelis, with remainder, failing heirs male of the said Thomas, to the heirs male of the bodies of the said John and Ellen, and, them failing, to the heirs of the bodies of the said John and Ellen, and, them failing, successively to Elizabeth, Aline, and Cecilia sisters of the said Thomas, and the heirs of their bodies, and, them failing, to Robert de Eton and his heirs for ever. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 23.]

14 Edw. 3. Eton, Robert son of Nicholas de. Deed of, quitclaiming to Robert de Hampton, parson of the church of Aldirdelegh, and Richard de Maincestre, chaplain, all right in the manor of Echelis. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 23.]

14 Edw. 3. Eton, Robert son of Nicholas de, Kt. Deed of, quitclaiming in favour of John de Ardene, Kt. all claim to the manor of Echelis. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 23.]

14 Edw. 3. Hampton, "Dominus" Robert de, parson of the church of Aldirdelegh, and "Dominus" Richard de Maincestre, chaplain. Deed of, granting, for life, to John de Ardene, Kt. the manor of Stocport, with the advowson of the church of the same manor, together with the manors of Ponynton and Wydeford, for the yearly service of one penny. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25.]

14 Edw. 3. Ardene, John de, Kt. Deed of attornment to Robert son of Nicholas de Eton and Isabel his wife for the manors of Stocport, Ponynton, and Wydeford, and the advowson of the church of Stocport. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25.]

14 Edw. 3. Ardene, John de, Kt. Deed of, granting, to "Dominus" de Hampton and "Dominus" Richard de Maincestre, chaplain, the manors of Stocport, Ponynton, Wydeforde, and Echelis, together with the advowson of the church of Stocport. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25.]

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14 Edw. 3. Hampton, Robert de, parson of the church of Aldirdelegh, and Richard de Maincester, chaplain. Deed of, granting, to Robert son of Nicholas de Eton and Isabel his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, the reversion of the manors of Stocport, Ponynton, and Wydeforde, together with the advowson of the church of Stocport, with remainder to the right heirs of the said Robert son of Nicholas. [13 & 14 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25.]

14 Edw. 3. Cradok, Alice who was the wife of Nicholas, against James de Sonde, of Wich-Malbank. Dower of one messuage in Wich-Malbank. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1.]

14 Edw. 3. Moldworth, William de, and Ellen his wife, and Richard de Oldynton and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Tervyn. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

14 Edw. 3. Vernon, Ralph de, and Richard Longespey, parson of the church of Wermyncham. Fine—manor of Haselynton. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

14 Edw. 3. Bulkylegh, Robert son of Peter de, and Randal Harald, of Munshull, and Alina his wife. Fine—tenements in Torperlegh. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

14 Edw. 3. Hadelegh, Margery who was the wife of Thomas de, against Randal son of David de Eggerton, and Alina his wife, and Philip son of Randal de Eggerton. Dower of two messuages and eight acres and a half of land in Herthull. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

14 Edw. 3. Dutton, Thomas de, and Robert son of John Boydel. Fine—tenements in Gropenhale. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

15 Edw. 3. Pulford, Sibyl daughter of Ken' de, and William Boydel, Kt. Fine—manor of Lacheford. [14 & 15 *Edw.* *m.* 10 *d.*]

15 Edw. 3. Beston, Henry de. Charter of, granting to David his brother and his heirs and assigns, all his, the said Henry's, lands and tenements in the towns of Beston and Teverton, with the reversion of the lands and tenements in the said towns held by Agnes his mother. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

15 Edw. 3. Beston, David son of David de. Deed of, granting for life to Richard Brayne, chaplain, all his, the said David's, lands, &c. in the towns of Beston and Teverton, which lands, &c., he had of the gift of Henry de Beston, with remainder to Henry de Beston for life, and afterwards to David his son and the heirs male of his body, and, them failing, with successive remainders to Henry and William brothers of the said David and the heirs male of their bodies, and, them failing, to the right heirs of the said Henry de Beston for ever. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

15 Edw. 3. Beston, Henry de. Deed of, granting to Margery his daughter all his goods and chattels wheresoever they might be. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

15 Edw. 3. Pulford, Sibyl daughter of Ken' de Pulford, and William Boydel, Kt. Fine—by which the said William grants that sixteen messuages, a hundred and sixty acres of land, six acres of meadow, and 14*s.* 0½*d.* rent in Gropenhale, held for term of life by Ralph son of William son of William Boydel, should on the death of the said Ralph remain to the aforesaid Sibyl for life, with successive remainders to Thomas son of the said Sibyl and Richard, Robert, and John his brothers, and the heirs male of their bodies, and, them failing, to the right heirs of the said William Boydel and their heirs. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

15 Edw. 3. Caus, Margery who was the wife of Thomas, of Middlewich, against Adam Stockmare, of Middlewich, and Ellen his wife. Dower of one messuage in Middlewich. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14, 17.]

15 Edw. 3. St. John, Hospital of, outside the north gate of the city of Chester. Inquisition, finding that Randal, Duke of Britanny and Earl of Chester and Richmond, was the founder of the said hospital, and granted the site on which the said hospital was situated to God, St. Mary, and St. John, for the reception of the poor and feeble; that Edw. I. confirmed the said grant; that Edw. II. when Earl of Chester gave the custody of the said hospital to a certain Prior of Birkehened, the predecessor of the then Prior, and to his successors for ever; that the Earl of Chester was patron of the said hospital; that Randal, Earl of Chester, on the foundation of the said hospital gave to it 4*l.* 11*s.*, to be received annually at the Exchequer of Chester; that there was 13*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* rent-seck pertaining to the said hospital and arising out of houses in the City of Chester; that the said hospital also possessed

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one carucate of land at "Le Hulmhouses," yearly value 40*s.*, then held by the Abbot of Chester in exchange of the Prior of Birkehened, and that the said Abbot had removed a house, a bovery, and a grange from the said land; one carucate of land at "Le Mos" in the county of Lancaster, yearly value 40*s.*; 13*s.* 4*d.* rent-seck in Pennesley; three houses in Honebrugge, and half a carucate of land upon "Le Cleyes," yearly value 40*s.*; a salt-pit in Wich-Malbank, yearly value 13*s.* 4*d.*; a portion of the tenths in the church of Aston in Hopedale, yearly value 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; that the total yearly value of all the lands, &c., pertaining to the said hospital was 32*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.*; that there ought and were accustomed to be three chaplains celebrating divine service in the said hospital every day throughout the year, viz., two in the church and a third in the chapel before the poor and feeble; that one lamp ought to be maintained during mass in the said chapel every day; that the same lamp ought to burn before the poor and feeble of the hospital every night throughout the year; that thirteen beds ought and were accustomed to be maintained in the same hospital for the reception of thirteen of the poor and feeble of the city of Chester; that the poor at their request should each receive daily throughout the year a loaf of good bread sufficient for support during the day, one large dish full of good vegetables, half a flask of beer, and a certain pittance of meat or fish, as the day should require; that the said charges incumbent on the said hospital were in no wise diminished; that the church, chapel, and other houses there standing were not sufficiently covered; and that two large houses had fallen through decay and not being repaired. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

15 Edw. 3. Basingwerk, Richard Abbot of the church of, and Jordan de Mottrum, of West Kyrkeby, and Margaret his wife. Fine—tenements in West Kirkeby. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

15 Edw. 3. Wovere, Richard de, and Joan his wife, and John de Cubbelegh, chaplain. Fine—tenements in Buyrton, near Aldelyme. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

15 Edw. 3. Tuchet, Joan who was the wife of Robert, of Markynton, against Thomas Tuchet, senior, and Joan his wife. Dower. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

15 Edw. 3. Fouleshurst, Emma who was the wife of Richard son of Hugh de, against Henry Prior of Birkehened. Dower of one salt-pit in Wich-Malbank. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21. 15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

—— The same, against David de Hulgreve, of Wich-Malbank. Dower of one messuage in Wich-Malbank. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21. 15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

15 Edw. 3. Taillor, Beatrix who was the wife of Hamo le, of Wich-Malbank, against Roger Rondulf, chaplain. Dower of two acres of land in Wich-Malbank; the said Roger vouches to warranty John Bonvalet and Alice his wife. [14 & 15 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22. 15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 5.]

15 Edw. 3. Tuchet, Joan who was the wife of Robert, against William son of Richard Skott and Letitia his wife. Dower of one messuage and forty acres of land in Netherwhytelegh. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1, 4 *d.*]

15 Edw. 3. Wrennebury, Matilda who was the wife of John de, against John son of John son of Richard de Wrennebury. Dower of the manor of Wrennebury, excepting five messuages and a hundred acres. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1.

—— The same. Dower of five messuages and a hundred acres of land in Wrennebury. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1, 6.]

15 Edw. 3. Tuchet, Joan who was the wife of Robert, against Richard Skot. Dower of eight messuages, two hundred acres of land, two water-mills, and one windmill, forty acres of wood, and twenty acres of pasture in Nethirwytelegh; the said Richard vouches to warranty Thomas son and heir of Robert Tuchet. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

15 Edw. 3. Wistanston, John de, and William Hamelyn and Agnes his wife. Fine—tenements in Wistanston. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

15 Edw. 3. Tuchet, Joan who was the wife of Robert son of Thomas, against Robert Tuchet, senior. Dower of the manor of Buggelauton; the said Robert vouches to warranty Thomas son and heir of Robert Tuchet. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2 *d.* 16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6 *d.*]

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15 Edw. 3. Tuchet, Joan who was the wife of Robert son of Thomas, against Robert Tuchet, senior. Dower of the manor of Netherwhytelegh, excepting nine messuages, three mills, forty acres of land, forty acres of wood, and twenty acres of pasture; the said Robert vouches to warranty Thomas son and heir of Robert Tuchet. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4 *d.*]

15 Edw. 3. Thyknes, Alice who was the wife of Henry de, against Thomas son of Henry de Thyknes. Dower of twenty acres of land and a moiety of one messuage in Briddesmere. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 5.]

—— The same, against John son of Richard de Praers, and Matilda daughter of Thomas de Thyknes. Dower of twenty acres of land and a moiety of one messuage in Briddesmere. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 5.]

15 Edw. 3. Chedle, Henry de, chaplain, and Vivian de Colshagh, chaplain, and Roger son of Robert de Vernon, and Sibyl his wife. Fine—tenements in Chedle. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

16 Edw. 3. Wasteneys, William. Inquisition, finding that it was not to the damage, &c., that the said William should enclose and cultivate a piece of his waste land in the town of Elton, which land was within the bounds of the forest of Mara. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

16 Edw. 3. Passelegh, John de, chaplain, and John de Davenport, Kt., and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Wythynton and Somerford, near Davenport. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

16 Edw. 3. Dutton, Thomas son of Hugh de. Deed of, quitclaiming for himself and his heirs, in favour of William son of William de Boydel, Kt., his heirs and assigns, all right which he might have under a grant of Robert son of John de Boydel, Kt., or in any other manner, to twelve messuages and sixty acres of land in Gropenhale, called "Catterugge." [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

16 Edw. 3. Boydel, Robert son of John de, Kt. Deed of, quitclaiming in favour of William son of William de Boydel, Kt. [Record imperfect.] [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

16 Edw. 3. Boydel, William son of William, and Peter de Legh. Deed of, granting for life, to Robert son of John Boydel an annual rent of 4*l.* [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12 *d.*]

16 Edw. 3. Sonde, Thomas son of Robert de, and Letitia his wife, and William del Hogh and Agnes his wife. Fine—tenements in Sonde. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

16 Edw. 3. Hurel, Richard son of Henry, and Agnes his wife, and Thomas de Hassale and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Upton, near Chester. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

16 Edw. 3. Hurel, John son of Henry, and Cecilia his wife, and Thomas de Hassale and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Upton, near Chester. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

16 Edw. 3. Hassale, Randal son of Richard de, and Thomas de Hassale and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Wich-Malbank and Stanford, near Cristelton. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

16 Edw. 3. Smethewyk, William de, and Richard de Smethewyk and Alicia his wife. Fine—manor of Smethewyk. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16.]

16 Edw. 3. Tuchet, Joan who was the wife of Robert, against Richard Scot, senior. Dower of three messuages and forty acres of land in Netherwhytelegh. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16.]

—— The same; the said Richard vouches to warranty Thomas son and heir of Robert Tuchet. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18 *d.*]

16 Edw. 3. Mascy, Richard son of Hugh de, and Alice his wife, and Hugh son of William de Mascy, of Tatton. Fine—manor of Routhesthorn, excepting one messuage, one mill, three acres of meadow, thirty acres of pasture, 9*s.* 7*d.* rent, the rent of one pound of cinnamon, and the sea fishery in the same manor. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

16 Edw. 3. Lee, Sibyl who was the wife of Hamo de la, against Robert son of Urian de Praers. Dower of one toft and eight acres of land in Wystanston. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

16 Edw. 3. Molington, Henry de. Petition of, showing that he held the manor of Hole of the Earl of Arundel, as of his manor of Dunham; that within the said manor of Hole there was a waste piece of land which he the said Henry and his predecessors had in part approved; and that

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the said waste had been seized into the hands of the Earl of Chester by virtue of an Inquisition, finding that the Earls of Chester were in time of war accustomed to shelter their people on the said waste; and praying for livery of the said waste out of the hands of the said Earl, and that the right of the said Henry to approve the said waste might be determined by inquisition.—Inquisition, finding that the said Henry as lord of the manor of Hole might approve, and all his predecessors, lords of the said manor, had approved, the said waste at their pleasure and without the licence of the Earl of Chester; that the said manor was held of the Earl of Arundel as of his manor of Stony Dunham, which same manor the Earl of Arundel held of the Earl of Chester. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25.]

16 Edw. 3. Bradburn, Roger de, senior, and Matilda his wife, who was the wife of William de Modberlegh, against Robert de Huxlegh, parson of the church of Modberlegh. Dower of one messuage and two acres of land in Modberlegh. [15 & 16 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 26. 16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

16 Edw. 3. Huxlegh, Nicholas de, and Peter de Huxlegh, and Henry de Newton, chaplain. Fine—tenements in Huxlegh, Foukestapelford, and Newton, near Tatenhale. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1.]

16 Edw. 3. Frodesham, Walter de, chaplain, and Hugh de Pykemere and Margaret his wife. Fine—manor of Pykemere. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

16 Edw. 3. Shagh, Felicia who was the wife of Bricius del, against John de Wetenhale, senior. Dower of twelve acres of land in Munkescopenhale; the said John vouches to warranty Randal son and heir of Bricius del Shagh. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 5, 12.]

—— The same, against Richard de Fouleshurst, junior. Dower of one messuage in Wych-Malbank. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 5 *d.*]

16 Edw. 3. Eggerton, William son of Robert son of William de, and Alice his wife, and Robert son of William de Eggerton, and Matilda his wife. Fine—two messuages, seventeen acres of land, and one acre of meadow in Parva Coton. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

17 Edw. 3. Ashelegh, Ellen who was the wife of Hamo de, against Oliver de Ingham. Dower of one messuage, twenty-four acres of land, and twelve acres of wood in Ashelegh; the said Oliver vouches to warranty Ellen kinswoman and heir of Adam de Macclesfield. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8, 14. 17 & 18 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2, 4 *d.*]

17 Edw. 3. Hulfeld, Cecilia who was the wife of William son of Richard de, against Margery daughter of William son of Richard de Foxlegh. Dower of three acres of land in Lymme, of the gift of Peter de Foxlegh, her first husband. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12, 17.]

17 Edw. 3. Praers, Thomas de, of Bertumlegh, and Margery his wife, and Thomas de Whytynton, chaplain. Fine—manors of Bertumlegh, Landecan, and Crue, near Haselynton, 18*s.* rent in Netherbebynton, the serjeanty of the fee of the Countess of Warwick, and the advowsons of the churches of Bertumlegh and Wodechirche. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

17 Edw. 3. Chaun, Thomas, senior, and Richard le Wodeward, of Aldelym, and Matilda his wife. Fine—tenements in Wyllaston, near Wych-Malbank. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

17 Edw. 3. Boldyng, Matilda who was the wife of William, against Thomas son and heir of William Boldyng; vouched to warranty by William son of Thomas son of Clement de Ridelegh. Dower of one messuage and a moiety of one acre of land in Bulkylegh. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

17 Edw. 3. Tromewyn, Humfrey, and Matilda his wife, who was the wife of John son of Richard de Wrennebury, against John son of John de Wrennebury, junior, and Emma his wife. Dower of a third part of the manor of Pulcroft in Barettespull. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

—— The same. Dower of eight acres of land in Worleston and Aston in Mondrem. [*Ibid. m.* 14.]

17 Edw. 3. Sutton, Agnes who was the wife of William Roberdessone de, against Richard son of William son of Robert de Sutton. Dower of one messuage and two bovates of land in Hole. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

17 Edw. 3. Wynynton, Petronilla who was the wife of Robert de, against Richard son of Robert de Wynynton. Dower of thirty-two messuages, two mills, four hundred and sixty acres of land, ten acres of meadow, thirty acres of wood, a hundred acres of pasture, and a hundred acres of moss in Wynynton and Werford, near Olreton. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

No. 6.—Welsh Records: Deeds, Inquisitions, &c.—*continued.*

17 Edw. 3. Crannache, Margaret who was the wife of Thomas de, against William son of Thomas de. Dower of one messuage and eight acres of land in Crannache; the said William vouches to warranty Henry son and heir of Thomas de Crannache. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18.]

—— The same, against Richard son of Thomas de Crannache. Dower of one messuage and thirteen acres of land in Crannache; the said Richard vouches to warranty Henry son and heir of Thomas de Crannache. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18.]

17 Edw. 3. Becheton, Robert de, and Catherine his wife, formerly wife of Richard de Praers. Claim of dower of the manor of Bertumlegh. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

17 Edw. 3. Mere, Ellen who was the wife of William de, against Adam del Dyche and Adam del Hogh. Dower. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

17 Edw. 3. Margeryessone, Robert, chaplain, and John son of Hugh de Cholmundelegh, and Felicia his wife. Fine—tenements in Middlewich and Newton, near Middlewich. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

17 Edw. 3. Denston, Geoffrey de, chaplain, and Robert de Neuton, of Haregreve, and Margaret his wife. Fine—tenements in Foukestapelford. [16 & 17 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

17 Edw. 3. Wynynton, Petronilla who was the wife of Robert de, against William son of Robert de Wynynton, junior. Dower of five messuages, twenty-five acres of land, one acre of meadow, and one acre of pasture in Castelnorwych. [17 & 18 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

17 Edw. 3. Smethewyk, William de, and Margaret his wife, formerly wife of Thomas de Crannache, against William son of Thomas de Crannache. Dower of one messuage and eight acres of land in Crannache; the said William son of Thomas vouches to warranty Henry son and heir of Thomas de Crannache. [17 & 18 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

18 Edw. 3. Walteressone, Hugh, of Tabbelegh, chaplain, and Richard de Lyttelegh and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Pykemere. [17 & 18 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

18 Edw. 3. Leycester, Roger de, and Geoffrey son of Robert le Clerk, of Overtabbelegh, and Emma his wife. Fine—tenements in Overtabbelegh. [17 & 18 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

18 Edw. 3. Puddyng, William son of . . . . . of Sprouston. Deed of, quitclaiming all right to lands in Sprouston, in favour of . . . . . Brerton, parson of the church of Davenham, Matthew de Brerton, parson of the church of Brerton. . . . . [17 & 18 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19 *d.* Record defective.]

18 Edw. 3. Hertford, William son of Simon de. Deed of, quitclaiming, in favour of Hugh son of Hugh de Venables, of Kinderton, all right to any lands and tenements in Herteford and Northwych, then held by the said Hugh son of Hugh. [17 & 18 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

18 Edw. 3. Croxton, Richard de, and William de Hulgreve and Agnes his wife. Fine—tenements in Croxton. [17 & 18 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

18 Edw. 3. Haurthyn, Hugh son of Robert de, and Jor' de Chirton and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Chirton and Broxon. [17 & 18 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

18 Edw. 3. Dounvill, John, and Matilda his wife, who was the wife of William de Modberlegh, against Robert de Huxlegh, parson of the church of Modberlegh. Dower of one messuage and one toft in Modberlegh. [17 & 18 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22 *d.*]

18 Edw. 3. Swetenham, Margaret who was the wife of Richard de, against Randal son of Thomas de Swetenham, junior. Dower. [17 & 18 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

18 Edw. 3. Morton, Ralph de, and John de Wodehone, chaplain. Fine—manor of Magna Morton, excepting three messuages and a hundred and five acres of land. [17 & 18 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

18 Edw. 3. Morton, Robert son of Ralph de, and Milicent his wife, and John Wodehone, chaplain. Fine—one messuage and sixty acres of land in Magna Merton. [17 & 18 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

18 Edw. 3. Wade, William son of John de, of Sudlowe. Deed of, quitclaiming, in favour of William son of Hugh Wadesone, chaplain, all right to lands, &c., in Overtabbeley. [17 & 18 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24. Record defective.]

18 Edw. 3. Modberlegh, Ralph de, and Richard de Rotelond, of Modberlegh, and Margaret his wife. Fine—tenements in Modberlegh. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

No. 6.—Welsh Records: Deeds, Inquisitions, &c.—*continued.*

4 Edw. 3. Combermere Abbey. Enrolment of charter, confirming all former grants made by the King's predecessors and others to the said abbey. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

18 Edw. 3. Haukeston, John de, and Anabel his wife, and Roger del Castel and Cecilia his wife. Fine—tenements in Blakenhale. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

—— The same, and Nicholas de Haukeston. Fine—tenements in Blakenhale. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

19 Edw. 3. Lancaster, Henry de, Earl of Derby, and Cecilia wife of John Fyton, of Bolyn, Thomas Lestraunge, of Knokyn, and Lucy his wife, Randal de Dutton and Margaret his wife, Richard de Bradeshaghe and Cecilia his wife, and Alice sister of the same Cecilia. Fine—manors of Altrincham, Hale, Kelshale, Morton, Salghale, Claghton, Budestan, the advowson of the priory of Birkheved, and the manor of Dunham, excepting fifteen messuages, eighty acres of land, and five acres of meadow. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

—— The same, and Roger Lestrange, of Knokyn, and Joan his wife. Fine—manors of Dunham, Altrincham, Hale, Kelshale, Salghale, Morton, Budestan, Claghton, Podynton, and the advowson of the priory of Birkeheved. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

—— The same, and Thomas de Hakeford and Katherine his wife. Fine—manors of Dunham, Altrincham, Hale, Kelshale, Salghale, Morton, Budestan, Claghton, Podynton, and the advowson of the church of Birkeheved. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

19 Edw. 3. Fyton, Cecilia who was the wife of John, of Bolyn, against John son of Richard Fyton, of Bolyn, and Christiana his wife. Dower of the manors of Morlegh and Falynbrom. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16. 19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 5.]

19 Edw. 3. Alsacher, Emma who was the wife of Randal son of Adam de, against Randal son of Richard de Alsacher. Dower of one messuage and nine acres of land in Alsacher. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18. 19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

19 Edw. 3. Birkeheved, Prior and Chapter, Deed of, granting to Richard de Wolneston, clerk, an annuity of five marks, to be received out of the issues of the lands of the said Abbot in Birkheved, Claughton in Wyrhale, Morton, Bowedon, Kyrkeby in Waley, and Wolneton. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18.]

19 Edw. 3. Hampton, Robert de, parson of the church of Alderdelegh, and John son of Roger de Motlowe, and John de Ardene, Kt. Fine—manor of Alvandelegh and 10 marks of rent in Upton, near Wodechirche. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

—— The same, and John de Motlowe, and John de Ardene, Kt. Fine—manor of Aldeford. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

—— The same, and John son of Roger de Motlowe, and John de Ardene, Kt. Fine—manor of Alderdelegh. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 20.]

19 Edw. 3. Wylot, Ellen who was the wife of William, of Foxwyst, senior, against Thomas Wylot, of Foxwyst, and Margaret his wife. Dower of eight messuages, sixty acres of land, sixteen acres of meadow, ten acres of wood, eight acres of pasture, and ten acres of marsh in Buttylegh. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21. 19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6, 13, 31.]

19 Edw. 3. Crannache, Ellen who was the wife of Henry son of Thomas de, against William son of Henry son of Thomas de Crannache and Felicia his wife. Dower. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22 *d.* 19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 5, 21.]

19 Edw. 3. Werberton, Geoffrey son of Geoffrey de, Kt. Deed of, granting, to Geoffrey his son, the manor of Sutton, to hold to him and the heirs of his body, and, failing them, with remainder to Thomas brother of the said Geoffrey and the heirs of his body, and, them failing, the said manor to revert to the said Geoffrey son of Geoffrey and his heirs for ever. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22 *d.*]

—— The like, of all his goods and chattels in the said manor of Sutton at the time of the making the above deed. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22 *d.*]

—— The same, granting, to Geoffrey son of John de Elton, all his, the said Geoffrey's son of Geoffrey, lands, &c., in the town of Elton, which he had of the gift of John de Elton, to hold to the said Geoffrey son of John and the heirs of his body, and, them failing, the said lands to revert to the said John and his heirs for ever. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22 *d.*]

No. 6.—Welsh Records : Deeds, Inquisitions, &c.—*continued.*

—— The same, granting to Geoffrey son of John de Elton all the goods and chattels which he the said Geoffrey son of Geoffrey had in the towns of Elton and Hapesford, of the gift of John de Elton. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22 *d.*]

19 Edw. 3. Ardene, John de, Kt. Licence, &c., to grant his manor of Aldeford to Robert de Hampton, parson of the church of Alderdelegh, and John de Motlowe, to hold to them and their heirs, with license to the said Robert and John to re-enfeoff, for life, the said John Ardene and Ellen his wife, of the said manor, with successive remainders to Thomas and Walkeline sons of the said Ellen, and, them failing, to the heirs male of the bodies of the said John and Ellen, and, them failing, to the heirs of the bodies of the said John and Ellen, and, them failing, to the right heirs of the said John de Ardene for ever. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 23.]

19 Edw. 3. Ardene, John de, and Ellen his wife, and Robert de Hampton, parson of the church of Alderdelegh, and John de Motlowe. Fine—manors of Aldeford and Alvandelegh. [18 & 19 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 23.]

19 Edw. 3. Berton, John de, of the town of St. Edmund. Pardon to, by the King, in consideration of the services of the said John in the war with Scotland, for the seizure and abduction of the Abbot of St. Edmund, and all other trespasses, excepting the King's suit for the death of his father, and also his suit, should the said John have detained in addition to the said abbot any other men of the realm; providing that the said John should go on the King's service, and in his pay, whensoever and wherever he the said John should be commanded. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

19 Edw. 3. Wetenhale, Agnes who was the wife of John de, against Robert de Hampton, parson of the church of Alderdelegh, and John son of Roger de Motlowe. Dower of the manors of Aldeford and Alderdelegh. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3, 12.]

19 Edw. 3. Colfox, Nicholas son of William, of Wych-Malbank, and Matilda his wife, formerly wife of Hugh Kerdif, against Ralph de Kerdif. Dower of three messuages and forty acres of land in Walgherton. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6, 15, 24 *d.*]

20 Edw. 3. Griffyn, Adam son of John, and John son of Roger Gerard, and Isabel his wife. Fine—manor of Barkesford, excepting one messuage and twenty acres of land. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

20 Edw. 3. Spotte, Mabel who was the wife of David son of Madoc, of Egge, against Ken' son of David son of Madoc de Egge. Dower. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25.]

17 Edw. 3. Venables, Hugh de, of Kynderton. Charter of, granting, to Ralph, parson of the church of Davenham, Matthew, parson of the church of Brerton, and Hugh, parson of the church of Eccleston, their heirs and assigns, his the said Hugh's manors of Kynderton, with the advowson of Routhesthorn; also his manor of Mershton, Witton, Cros, and Eccleston, with the advowson of Eccleston; also his lands and tenements in Middlewich, excepting three messuages and two bovates of land in Eccleston, and one messuage and one salt-pit in Middlewich; also three salt-pits in Northwich, descending to him hereditarily on the death of William his brother. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27.]

19 Edw. 3. Venables, Hugh de, of Kynderton. Charter of, granting his manors of Bradewall and Neuton in Wyrhale, with three salt-pits in Northwich, to William his son and Matilda his wife and the heirs of their bodies. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27.]

17 Edw. 3. Venables, Hugh de, of Kynderton. Charter of, granting 40 marks of annual rent to William his son and Matilda wife of the said William and the heirs of their bodies. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27.]

17 Edw. 3. Venables, Hugh de, of Kynderton. Charter of, granting a moiety of the manor of Sprouston to Ralph, parson of the church of Davenham, Matthew, parson of the church of Brerton, and Hugh, parson of the church of Eccleston, their heirs and assigns. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27.]

20 Edw. 3. Venables, Hugh de, of Kynderton, Kt. Charter of Ralph, parson of the church of Davenham, and Hugh, parson of the church of Eccleston, granting to the said Hugh, for life, lands in Witton and Le Cros to the value of 10*l.*, with remainder to William son of the same Hugh de Venables and Matilda his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, and, them failing, to the right heirs of the said Hugh. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27.]

No. 6.—Welsh Records: Deeds, Inquisitions, &c.—*continued.*

20 Edw. 3. Venables, Hugh de, of Kynderton, Kt. Charter of Ralph, parson of the church of Davenham, and Hugh, parson of the church of Eccleston, granting to the said Hugh and the heirs of his body, the manors of Kynderton, Sprouston, Merston, Wytton, and Le Cros, the advowson of the church of Routhestorn, together with all their lands and tenements in Middlewich, with remainder to the right heirs of the said Hugh. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27.]

20 Edw. 3. Venables, Hugh de, of Kynderton, Kt. Charter of Ralph, parson of the church of Davenham, and Hugh, parson of the church of Eccleston, granting, to the said Hugh and Katherine his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, the manor of Eccleston with the advowson of the church there, with remainder to the right heirs of the said Hugh. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27 *d.*]

20 Edw. 3. Bunbury, Matilda daughter of Hugh. Deed of, quitclaiming in favour of Richard son of Robert de Wynynton and Agnes his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, all right to the lands and tenements in the town of Norwich, in the territory of Wynynton, which the said Matilda had given to Robert de Wynyngton and Ellen his wife. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27 *d.*]

20 Edw. 3. Scot, Richard, senior, and Richard de Neuton, and William Scot and Leticia his wife. Fine—one messuage and twenty-six acres of land in Netherwhitelegh. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 31.]

20 Edw. 3. Hulgreve, William son of David de, junior, and Thomas son of Thomas de Acton and Letitia his wife. Fine—one acre and two parts of an acre of land, and a fourth part of an acre of meadow in Crouton, near Weverham. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 31.]

20 Edw. 3. Baunvill, Ellen who was the wife of Richard de, against Robert de Baunvill. Dower of one messuage, five bovates of land, and one acre of meadow in Storton. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 35.]

20 Edw. 3. Fouleshurst, Richard de, senior, and Roger Benset, of Wich-Malbank. Fine—tenements in Wich-Malbank. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 36.]

20 Edw. 3. Scot, Richard, senior, and William de Clifton, chaplain. Fine—tenements in Netherwhytelegh, Overwhytelegh, and Hacton near Deresbury. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 40.]

20 Edw. 3. Troghford, Richard son of William de, and William son of John de Wetenhale, and Sibyl his wife. Fine — tenements in Alperham. [19 & 20 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 40.]

20 Edw. 3. Stanlegh, William de, and Thomas de Congleton and Cecilia his wife. Fine—tenements in Magna Meoles. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1.]

21 Edw. 3. Croxton, Richard de, and John Michel and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Croxton. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

21 Edw. 3. Henry, Henry Fitz, and Joan his wife, formerly wife of John de Orreby, against Richard de Hunsterton and Bertrea his wife. Dower of one messuage and thirty acres of land in Hatherton. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19. 21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

—— The same, against Richard de Derynton and Joan his wife. Dower of ten messuages and three bovates of land in Walgherton. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19. 21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

21 Edw. 3. Croxton, Richard de, and John Michel and Alice his wife. Fine—six acres of land and a fourth part of a third part of two messuages, forty acres of land, two acres of meadow, four acres of wood, and a fourth of a third of two parts of two messuages, forty acres of land, two acres of meadow, and four acres of wood in Croxton. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22.]

21 Edw. 3. Fouleshurst, Richard son of Richard de, junior, and Robert Caudelan and Margaret his wife. Fine—two messuages, forty acres of land, and ten acres of meadow in Magna Aldersey. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22.]

21 Edw. 3. Walranen, Margaret who was the wife of Roger, against Alice who was the wife of Robert del Shaghe. Dower of one messuage and four acres of land in Overalderdelegh; and against Milicent and Margaret daughters of Robert del Shaghe, dower of two parts of one messuage and four acres of land in the same town. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 23 *d*, 27 *d.*]

22 Edw. 3. Calvilegh, Peter son of Hugh de, protection to, on his departure for Brittany, on the King's service, in the train of John de Lacy (dated 4 June, 22 Edw. 3). [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24 *d.*]

No. 6.—Welsh Records: Deeds, Inquisitions, &c.—*continued.*

21 Edw. 3. Hogh, Richard del, of Thornton, senior, and John de Brescy, of Copenhale, senior, and Ellen his wife. Fine—two messuages, a hundred acres of land, and 4*s.* rent in Munkescopenhale, and common of turbary in the moor of Chirchecopenhale. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 26.]

21 Edw. 3. Stapelegh, Isolda who was the wife of Robert de, against John son of Robert de Stapelegh, of Copenhale. Dower. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 26.]

21 & 22 Edw. 3. Werleston, Margery who was the wife of John son of William son of Simon de, against John son of John de Wrennebury, senior. Dower of one toft, twelve acres of land, and two acres of meadow in Werleston. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27. 21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16, 38 *d.*]

21 Edw. 3. Walranen, Margery who was the wife of Roger, against Richard de Mottresheved and William le Clerk, of Alderdelegh. Dower of five acres of land in Overalderdelegh, and against William de Ravenhurst, Dower of seven acres of land in the same town. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27 *d.*]

21 Edw. 3. Danyers, Thomas, senior, and Peter son of Roger del Bothes. Fine—tenements in Lymme. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 28.]

21 Edw. 3. Tilstan, Agnes who was the wife of Philip son of Richard son of Nicholas de, against Madoc Litel, of Tilstan, and Cristiana his wife. Dower of three messuages and six acres of land in Tilstan. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 28 *d.* 21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

—— The same, against John son of John de Caurthyn, and Margery his wife. Dower of one toft and twelve acres of land in Tilstan. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 28 *d.*]

21 Edw. 3. Liverpool, John son of Matthew de, and Isabel his wife, and Hugh de Cholale and Alice his wife. Fine—one messuage and one bovate of land in Kirkeby in Waley. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 29.]

21 Edw. 3. Harper, Richard le, of Utkynton, and David Bulder and Alice his wife. Fine—one messuage and four acres of land in Torperlegh. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 29.]

21 Edw. 3. Chetelton, Leticia who was the wife of William de, Kt., against Philip de Titnelegh and Joan his wife. Dower of twenty-two messuages and three carucates of land in Bromhale; the said Philip and Joan vouch to warranty William kinsman and heir of William de Chetelton. [20 & 21 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 30 *d.*]

21 Edw. 3. Norwich and Frodsham. Perambulation of the way which led from Norwich towards Frodsham; finding that the said way ran from Norwich to "Le Blakelowe," in Weverham, thence through the middle of the field of the same town to the end of Weverham, thence to the other end of that town, thence through the heath of Acton to Mulneton, thence to the rivulet between Mulneton and Ouston, thence to Ouston, thence to the end of the town of Crouton, thence through the middle of the same town, near the house of Urian de Hunsterton, and through the middle of the waste there, to a lane by a certain marl-pit, and so following the lane near the house of Richard le Roter to Kyngeslegh, thence through the middle of that town to "Birchfurlongesyate," thence to the gate near "Le Flaxyordes," thence to Pirlewall, and so following the town, to "Le Sedemonnesbrok," near "Le Cokshete," and from thence to Frodesham. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1 *d.*]

21 Edw. 3. Holt, Robert son of Geoffrey del, and Thomas de Stanelegh and Emma his wife. Fine—one messuage and twenty-four acres of land in Dokenfeld. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

21 Edw. 3. Danyers, Thomas, chivaler, and Isabel his wife, and Henry de Gropenhale. Fine—five messuages, one mill, three carucates, and sixteen acres of land, and two acres of meadow in Hale. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

22 Edw. 3. Bulkylegh, Agnes who was the wife of Robert de, against Richard son of Randal de, of Cudynton, near Northlegh. Dower of two messuages and thirty acres of land in Cudynton, near Northlegh. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14, 27.]

22 Edw. 3. Chetelton, Leticia who was the wife of William de, against Robert de Praers, senior dower of nine messuages, sixteen acres of land, a moiety of one salt-pit, a moiety of one acre of meadow, and a fourth part of one salt-pit in Wich-Malbank. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

—— The same; the said Robert vouches to warranty William de Praers of Badylegh. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18.]

No. 6.—Welsh Records: Deeds, Inquisitions, &c.—*continued.*

22 Edw. 3. Thyknes, James son of John de, and John son of John de Thyknes, and Sibyl his wife. Fine—tenements in Munkescopenhale. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

22 Edw. 3. Wetenhale, John de, of Derfold, and John de Kelshale and Joan his wife. Fine—tenements in Hurdleston. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

22 Edw. 3. Wyreswall, Leuca who was the wife of John son of Michael de, against Roger del Castel and Cecilia his wife. Dower of two messuages, thirty acres of land, and 11*s.* rent in Wyreswall. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18 *d*, 31.]

22 Edw. 3. Frodesham, Richard de. Inquisition, finding that the said Richard held on the day he died, of the Earl of Chester, *in capite*, by knight's service, divers lands and tenements in Kyngeslegh; that Richard son and heir of the aforesaid Richard de Frodesham was of the age of nine years on the day on which the said Richard his father died; that he was at the time of taking the inquisition unmarried; that Roesia who was the wife of the said Richard de Frodesham had occupied all the lands and tenements aforesaid since the death of her husband, and that the value of the said lands was unknown. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

22 Edw. 3. Harper, Richard le, of Utkynton, and David Caderout and Katherine his wife. Fine—tenements in Torperlegh. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

22 Edw. 3. Pull, Adam son of Richard de, and Henry Martyn and Ellen his wife. Fine—tenements in Whytepull and Horpull. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

22 Edw. 3. Wetenhale, John, of Derfold, and Richard son of Robert de Pulle, and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Hurdleston. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

22 Edw. 3. Praers, William de. Deed of, granting, to Roger de Trumpton, Kt., and Agnes his wife, 20*d.* annual rent, to be received of the manor of Badylegh. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

22 Edw. 3. Starky, Alice who was the wife of Hugh, of Stretton, against Thomas son of Randal Starky, of Stretton. Dower of two messuages and thirty acres of land in Stretton, near Overwhitelegh. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27, 33, 39 *d.*]

22 Edw. 3. Pulter, Hugh le, of Chatkylegh, and Roger del Hull, of Chatkylegh, and Joan his wife. Fine—tenements in Chatkylegh. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27.]

22 Edw. 3. Fouleshurst, Matthew de. Inquisition, finding that it was not to the damage, &c., that the said Matthew should appropriate a lane leading from the metes of Edlaston to the rivulet of the mill of Shyrardesbrugge, to the enlargement of his manor of Newbold; that the said lane contained forty-six perches in length and one perch in width; and that the way to be constructed by the said Matthew in lieu of the said lane would contain forty perches in length and one perch in width. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 30 *d.*]

22 Edw. 3. Brugge, John, son of Robert del, of Stokport, and Alice his wife, and Robert del Brugge, of Stokport. Fine — tenements in Chedle. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 34.]

22 Edw. 3. Howel, Emma who was the wife of John, against Robert Drake, of Altrynchan. Dower of three messuages and three acres of land in Altrynchan. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 34, 38 *d.*]

21 Edw. 3. Wetenhale, Agnes who was the wife of John de. Deed of, granting, to Robert de Paris, chaplain, his heirs and assigns, the manor of Wetenhale. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 35.]

—— Power of attorney to Thomas de Wetenhale, son of the said Agnes, to deliver seisin of the manor of Wetenhale to Robert de Paris, chaplain. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 35.]

—— Charter of Robert de Paris, chaplain, granting to Agnes who was the wife of John de Wetenhale the manor of Wetenhale. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 35.]

—— Charter of John de Wetenhale, quitclaiming, in favour of Robert de Paris, chaplain, all right to the manor of Wetenhale. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 35.]

—— Charter of Robert de Parys, chaplain, granting, to John de Wetenhale and Matilda his wife, and the heirs male of their bodies, the

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reversion of the manor of Wetenhale, which pertained to the said Robert on the death of Agnes who was the wife of John de Wetenhale. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 35.]

22 Edw. 3. Colfox, Nicholas son of William, and Matilda his wife, formerly the wife of Ralph de Kerdif, against Richard son of John de Mascy, chaplain. Dower of three messuages and forty acres of land in Walgherton. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 35 *d.*]

22 Edw. 3. Horton, Agnes who was the wife of William son of Owen de, against Owen son of William son of Owen. Dower. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 38 *d.*]

22 Edw. 3. Praers, William de, of Badylegh, and Ellen his wife, Thomas son of the same William, and Thomas de Rynghey and Agnes his wife. Fine—one messuage, one carucate of land, and twenty acres of wood in Buggelauton. [21 & 22 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 39 *d.*]

22 Edw. 3. Tuchet, Agnes who was the wife of Robert, against John, parson of the church of Gousworth, and William de Pulle, chaplain. Dower of the manor of Netherwhytelegh. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

—— The same. Dower of the manor of Buggelauton. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

22 Edw. 3. Monte Acuto, William de, and Joan his wife. Licence of alienation, to grant the castle and honor of Hawardyn and the manors of Mohaut and Mohautesdale, Mukel Neston, Bosele, and Lee, together with the knight's fees and advowsons of churches, to John de Wynkefeld, Richard de Aketon, Walter Coppay, and Richard de Fresingfeld. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

22 Edw. 3. Dardene, John, Knight, and Ellen his wife. Pardon to, for the death of Peter Dardene. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

20 Edw. 3. Scot, Richard, senior. Charter of, granting, to Richard de Neuton and his heirs, an annual rent of 40*l.*, to be received of the messuages, mills, lands, and tenements of the said Richard Scot in Overwhitelegh, Netherwhitelegh, and Hatton, near Deresbury. Dated 20 *Edw.* 3. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

22 Edw. 3. —— Deed by which the said William Neuton wills that if Margery the daughter of Richard le Harper should hold peaceably during her life, and her assigns should hold peaceably for four years after her death, the lands, &c., which she held jointly with Richard son of William Scot in Netherwhitelegh, together with the lands which she had of the gift of Richard Scot, the elder, held by Aytrop de Wolvelegh and Robert Scot, in "Le Light," without let or hindrance from the said Richard Scot the elder or William his son, or Richard the son of the said William; and if the said Richard Scot the elder should pay 36 marks 8*s.* within three years to the said Richard de Neuton, his heirs and assigns; then the said Richard Scot should be exempted from the annual payment of 40*l.* Dated 22 *Edw.* 3. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

22 Edw. 3. Davenham, Nicholas son of Richard de. Charter of, granting, to Hugh Roer and Margaret his wife, four sous of annual rent, to be received of the issues of the lands of the said Nicholas in Davenham. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

—— Charter of, granting, to Agnes who was the wife of Henry de Wevere, four sous of annual rent, to be received of the issues of the lands of the said Nicholas in Davenham. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

—— Charter of, granting, to Richard del Wode, of Barettespulle, and Alice his wife, four sous of annual rent, to be received of the issues of the lands of the said Nicholas in Davenham. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6 *d.*]

—— Charter of, granting to Richard de Hokehull and Margery his wife four sous of annual rent, to be received of the issues of the lands of the said Nicholas in Davenham. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6 *d.*]

—— Charter of, granting to Henry de Shavynton and Maud his wife, four sous of annual rent, to be received of the issues of the lands of the said Nicholas in Davenham. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6 *d.*]

22 Edw. 3. Wetenhale, Richard de. Inquisition, finding that it was not to the damage, &c., that the said Richard should enclose a way, eighty-six perches in length and thirty feet wide, leading from the highway of Tetton, under the said Richard's manor of Sparchgrene, to Middlewich,

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to the enlargement of the said manor; the said Richard making another way on his own land in lieu of the one so closed. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6 *d.*]

22 Edw. 3. Gryffyn, John, senior, and Margaret his wife, and Richard Griffyn, parson of the church of Wodechyrch. Fine—manor of Greysty. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

22 Edw. 3. Davenham, Nicholas son of Richard de, and Hugh Roer and Margaret his wife, Henry de Shavynton and Matilda his wife, Richard de Hokenbull and Margery his wife, Richard del Wode, of Barettespulle, and Alice his wife, and Agnes who was the wife of Henry de Wevere. Fine—tenements in Davenham. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

23 Edw. 3. Dounfoul, Philip. Inquisition, finding that the said Philip, who was formerly the husband of Cristiana, the then wife of Richard del Wode, purchased of John Blount one messuage in Bruggestrete in the city of Chester, and four shops, with curtilages, in Pepperstrete in the same city, which he afterwards left by will to the before-mentioned Cristiana for life, with remainder to Joan daughter of the aforesaid Philip, and the heirs of her body, and, them failing, to the right heirs of the same Joan; that the said Philip and Cristiana acquired in fee farm of John de Deresbury three shops, with curtilages, in Bruggestrete, to him and the heirs of his body, rendering yearly therefor to the said John de Deresbury and his heirs 24*s.*, with remainder to the right heirs of the said Philip and that the same Philip and Joan his daughter by the said Cristiana died without issue; that the said Philip was born before marriage, and that the said tenements were held of the Earl of Chester *in capite*, and escheated to the Earl on the death of the said Cristiana. The Earl of Chester, in consideration of the good service of the said Richard del Wode, grants the aforesaid tenements to the said Richard and Cristiana, and the heirs of their bodies, and, them failing, with remainder to John Richardessone del Wode and the heirs of his body, and, them failing, to Alice "Richardes doghter" del Wode and the heirs of her body, and them failing to Hugh son of Hamo de Greysty. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

23 Edw. 3. Ardene, Thomas son of Ellen wife of John de, Knight, and Katherine his wife, and . . . . Ardene, Knight, and Ellen his wife. Fine—manor of Alderdelegh, excepting . . . . acres of land and the advowson of the church of Alderdelegh. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12 *d.*] [Record defective.]

—— Licence of alienation, manor of Alderdelegh, &c., as in the foregoing. Fine. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12 *d.*] [Record defective.]

23 Edw. 3. Venables, Thomas de, and Vivian de Colshagh, and John de Ardene, Knight, and Ellen his wife. Fine—tenements in Echeles. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12 *d*, 16, 25.]

22 Edw. 3. Wryght, Thomas son of Robert son of Thomas le, of Ins. Deed of, quitclaiming, in favour of William de Whytemor, citizen of Chester, his heirs and assigns, all right in two bovates of land and the whole of the meadow in Guylden Sutton, then held by the said William, for term of years, of the said Thomas. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18.]

—— Charter of, granting the land and meadow, as in the foregoing entry, to the said Thomas, and fully setting out the bounds of the same and the names of the neighbouring tenants. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18.]

21 Edw. 3. Brerton, John de, parson of a moiety of the church of Waley, and Richard de Burton, parson of the church of Pulford. Deed of, granting, to Ralph son of . . . . Modberlegh, and Joan his wife, an annual rent of 100*l.*, to be received of the issues of the lands of the said John and Richard in the towns of Modberlegh, Tatton, and Plumlegh, and elsewhere in the county of Chester. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21 *d.*]

23 Edw. 3. Tyresford, Henry de, and Isabel his wife, and Hugh de Tyresford and Idonia his wife. Fine—tenements in Teveton and Torperlegh. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22.]

23 Edw. 3. Coghull, Joan who was the wife of William de, against Felicia who was the wife of Roger de Coghull. Dower of one messuage, two bovates of land, and one acre of meadow in Coghull. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

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23 Edw. 3. Ardene, Thomas son of Ellen wife of John de, Knight, and Katherine his wife, and John de Ardene, Knight, and Ellen his wife. Fine—manor of Alderdelegh. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25.]

23 Edw. 3. Delves, John de, and Ralph de Stafford and Margaret his wife. Fine—tenements in Alsacher. [22 & 23 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25.]

23 Edw. 3. Hallum, Goditha daughter of William de. Charters of, granting, to William de Helde, all her lands and tenements in Neuton, Hatton, Northcotes, Aston, and Tuenebrokes. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1 *d.*]

23 Edw. 3. Mascy, Hamo de, of Podynton, and Thomas son of Thomas del Fere, and Cecilia his wife. Fine—tenements in Tranemol. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

23 Edw. 3. Hoton, Henry de, and Hugh Drake, of Childerthornton, and Emma his wife. Fine—tenements in Childerthornton. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

23 Edw. 3. Coghull, Joan who was the wife of William de, against Felicia who was the wife of Roger de Coghull. Dower of one messuage, two bovates of land, and one acre of meadow in Coghull. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

23 Edw. 3. Roter, Emma mother of Randal le. Lease, to Randal her son, of all the messuages, lands, and tenements which she the said Emma had in the towns of Kyngeslegh, Neuton, and Crouton, to hold to the said Randal during the life of the said Emma at 4*l.* 4*s.* yearly. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

23 Edw. 3. Bostok, Matilda who was the wife of Adam de, against John de St. Pierre. Dower of four messuages, and sixty acres of land in Bostok. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

23 & 24 Edw. 3. Morton, Milicent who was the wife of Robert son of Ralph, against Thomas son of Ralph de Morton. Dower of the manor of Mikelmorton, except forty acres of land in the same manor. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6, 10.]

23 Edw. 3. Venables, William de, of Bradewall, and Peter de Brunlegh and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Bradewall. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

23 Edw. 3. Venables, Hugh son of Hugh le, of Kinderton, and Ralph de Brunlegh and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Bradewall. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

23 Edw. 3. Legh, Margaret who was the wife of William son of John de, against John son of William de Legh. Dower of thirty-four messuages, two hundred and eighty acres of land, two acres of meadow, forty acres of moss and turbary, one windmill, of two parts of a moiety of the same mill, and of four parts of a fourth part of one watermill. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

24 Edw. 3. Danyers, Thomas, and Roger Boudret and Agnes his wife. Fine—a fifth part of one messuage, twenty-seven acres of land, and two acres of land covered with alders in Hale, near Tymperlegh. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

—— The same, and Hugh Hondessone and Cecilia his wife. Fine—a fifth part of one messuage, twenty-seven acres of land, and two acres of land covered with alders. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

24 Edw. 3. Belewe, Thomas de, parson of the church of Herthull, and David son of Ken' le Constantyn, and Margaret his wife. Fine—tenements in Hertehull. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

24 Edw. 3. Haukeston, Thomas de, and Ellen his wife, and Adam Drayton. Fine—manors of Smalwode and Neubold subtus Lynam. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16.]

24 Edw. 3. Boydel, Elizabeth who was the wife of Ralph, against John Danyers and Joan his wife. Dower of a moiety of two parts of the manors of Dodleston, Hanelegh, and Lacheford and of a moiety of the manor of Gropenhale, except sixteen messuages, a hundred and sixty acres of land, six acres of meadow, and 14*s.* 0½*d.* rent in the same manor. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16. 24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

24 Edw. 3. Aldecroft, John son of Robert de, and Robert de Glasebrok and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Dunham, near Boudon, and Werburton. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

24 Edw. 3. Burghes, Hugh son of Hugh de, and Robert de Pykeryng and Leucia his wife. Tenements in Coggeshull and Hellesby. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

24 Edw. 3. Pole, Richard de la, of Hertyndon, and Robert de Morlegh, Kt. Fine—manor of Netherpevere. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21 *d.*]

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24 Edw. 3. Tieu, Alice who was the wife of Hugh le, senior, against Hugh le Tieu, junior. Dower. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22.]

24 Edw. 3. Eggerton, Philip son of David de, and William son of Hugh de Chidelowe, and Eign' son . . . . . de Horton and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Chidelowe. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22.]

24 Edw. 3. Salebury, Thomas de, and Joan his wife, against David de Wevere and Isabel his wife. Dower of the manor of Chorleton, near Malpas, and of one carucate of land in Horton, near Tilstan, and Shokelache Onyet. [22 & 23 *Edw. m.* 23.]

24 Edw. 3. Blakenhale, John son of John de, and Alicia his wife, and Philip de B . . . and Katherine his wife. Dower of tenements in Blakenhale. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

24 Edw. 3. Venables, Hugh son of Hugh de, of Kynderton, and Ralph de Brunlegh and Margaret his wife. Fine—tenements in Bradewall. [23 & 24 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

24 Edw. 3. Kendale, Robert de, and Margaret his wife, and Reginald de Kaynton and Henry Walter, chaplains. Fine—manor of Hurdleston; and licence of alienation. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

24 Edw. 3. Warde, William son of Madoc le, and Mabel his wife, formerly wife of John son of Urián de Eggerton, against Ralph son of William de Eggerton. Dower of one messuage and sixty-one acres of land in Caldecote, Crwe, and Shokelache. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

25 Edw. 3. Rode, Cecilia who was the wife of Thomas de, against Richard son of Gralam de Morton. Dower. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

25 Edw. 3. Delves, John del, and Hugh del Hogh. Fine—tenements in Godewyneslegh and Blakenhale. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

25 Edw. 3. Hogh, Hugh del. Deed of, granting, to John del Delves, his heirs and assigns, an annual rent of 100*s.*, to be received of the issues of the manor of "del Hogh" and of all the lands of the said Hugh in Shavynton. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

25 Edw. 3. Delves, John del. Deed, by which the said John wills that a deed of Hugh del Hogh granting him an annual rent of 100*s.* shall be null and void if the said John, his heirs and assigns, remain in undisturbed possession of the lands in Godewynesleye and Blakenhale of which the said Hugh had enfeoffed him. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

25 Edw. 3. Porter, William le, and Alice his wife, formerly the wife of Ralph Corbyn, against William son of Richard de Hokenhull. Dower of one messuage and two bovates of land in Shotewyk. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11 *d.*]

25 Edw. 3. Hallum, Katherine who was the wife of John son of William de, against William del Helde and Goditha his wife. Dower of three messuages and thirty acres of land in Neuton near Preston, Hatton near Deresbury, Norcotes, and Twenebrokes. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11 *d.*]

25 Edw. 3. Hogh, Hugo del. Charter of, granting, to John de Delves, his heirs and assigns, the manor of "le Hogh," together with all his the said Hugh's lands in Shavinton and Walkerton; the said John to render therefore yearly, for 16 years, one pair of white gloves, and after that term 200*l.* [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

25 Edw. 3. Wetenhale, Thomas son of Ralph de, and John son of William son of Philip de Munshull, and Laurence de Acton and Richard le Nurcur, chaplains. Fine—tenements in Cholmundeston. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12 *d.*]

25 Edw. 3. Wetenhale, Ralph de, and Laurence de Acton and Richard le Nurcur, chaplains. Fine—tenements in Cholmundeston. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12 *d bis.*]

25 Edw. 3. Whytemor, John son of William de, and Thomas son of Thomas del Paas and Agnes his wife. Fine—tenements in Gyldensutton. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12 *d.*]

25 Edw. 3. Warde, William son of Madoc le, and Mabel his wife, formerly wife of John son of Urian de Eggerton. Dower of three messuages, seventeen acres of land in Horton near Tilstan, Chydelowe, Aggeton, and Cudynton. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

25 Edw. 3. Olton, Agnes who was the wife of Randal de, against John de Olton. Dower of fifty messuages, for hundred and eighty acres of land, twenty acres of meadow, sixty acres of wood, and forty acres of turbary in Lowe, Olton, and Munshull Vernon. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15, 23.]

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25 Edw. 3. Alderdelegh, Ellen who was the wife of Thomas son of Roger de, against Hugh de Burghes. Dower of nine messuages, a hundred acres of land, ten acres of moor, and a moiety of one acre of meadow in Overe Alderdelegh. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 23.]

25 Edw. 3. Oldynton, Randal son of John de. Inquisition, finding that the said Randal did not die seised in his demesne as of fee of forty-three messuages, one mill, five hundred and fifty acres of land, ten acres of meadow, sixty acres of pasture, and a hundred acres of wood in Oldeton, Lowe, and Munshull Vernon, but held the same for term of years. [24 & 25 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

25 Edw. 3. Brescy, Thomas de, and Margery his wife, against Philip son of Robert del Mere, of Buyrton. Dower of one messuage, forty acres of land, and one acre of meadow in Buyrton near Aldelyme. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1.]

25 & 26 Edw. 3. Drakelowe, Cecilia who was the wife of Hugh de, against Maria who was the wife of Ralph de Swetenham. Dower of one messuage in Middlewich. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3, 5.]

—— The same; the said Maria vouches to warranty Thomas son and heir of Hugh de Drakelowe. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

25 Edw. 3. Danyers, Thomas, and Roger Lowe and Emma his wife. Fine—tenements in Lostokgralam. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

25 Edw. 3. Moldeworth, Adam de and Cecilia his wife, and Richard le Cook, vicar of the church of Tervyn. Fine—tenements in Kelshale. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

25 Edw. 3. Scot, Michael, and Richard de Anderton. Fine—tenements in Anderton. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

25 Edw. 3. Aketon, Richard de, Kt. Deed of, quitclaiming, in favour of John de Wyngefeld, Kt., his heirs and assigns, for ever, all right in the manor of "La Lee," which he the said Richard had jointly with Walter Guppehay and Richard de Fresyngfeld, chaplain, of the gift of William de Monte Acuto, Earl of Salisbury, and Joan his wife. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

—— A like deed of quitclaim, from Walter Guppehay to the said John Wyngefeld, Kt. [*Ibid.*]

—— The like, from Robert Rossone de Fresyngfeld brother and heir of Richard de Fresyngfeld, chaplain. [*Ibid.*]

—— Deed of William de Monte Acuto confirming and approving the foregoing deeds touching the manor of "La Lee," which the said John de Wyngefeld, Kt., was to hold in lieu of 20*l.* annual rent granted to him by the said Earl, to be received of the Prior and Convent of Crischerch Twynham. [*Ibid.*]

26 Edw. 3. Mere, Margery who was the wife of John de, of Wich-Malbank, against Thomas son of Thomas de Brerton. Dower of tenements in Wich-Malbank. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

26 Edw. 3. Gregory, William son of Richard, and John Launcelyn and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Morton in Wyrhale. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

26 Edw. 3. Delves, John de, and John son of William de Brescy, and Margery his wife. Fine—manor of Dodynton, ten acres of land in Blakenhale, and a sixth part of the manor of Chorleton. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

—— The same. Fine—manor of Weston, and tenements in Blakenhale, Briddesmere, Wich-Malbank, Barkesford, Wyghtreston, Wylaston, and Chatkylegh. [*Ibid.*]

—— The same. Fine—tenements in Chatkylegh and Briddesmere. [*Ibid.*]

26 Edw. 3. Brescy, Thomas de, and John son of William de Brescy, and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Wystanston. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

26 Edw. 3. Brounessone, Margery who was the wife of John, against Roger son of John Brounessone, of Netherpevere. Dower of two messuages and twelve acres of land in Netherpevere. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

26 Edw. 3. Knybbe, Isabel who was the wife of Richard, against William de Kyrkeham. Dower. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

26 Edw. 3. Blakenhale, Hugh de, and Adam del Hope and Matilda his wife. Fine—tenements in Chatkylegh. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

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26 Edw. 3. Badylegh, Ellen who was the wife of William de, against Richard son of Richard de Badylegh. Dower of seven messuages, thirty acres of land, three acres of meadow, and twenty acres of pasture in Alsacher. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

26 Edw. 3. Boydel, Elizabeth who was the wife of Ralph, against John Danyers, Kt., and Joan his wife. Dower of sixteen messuages, a hundred and sixty acres of land, six acres of meadow, sixty acres of wood, and 14*s.* 0½*d.* rent in Gropenhale. The said John and Joan vouch to warranty Howel ap Oweyn Voyl. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22.]

—— The same, against Howel ap Oweyn ap Voyl. [*Ibid.*]

26 Edw. 3. Delves, John de. Deed of, granting to William de Pevere and Margery his wife an annual rent of six marks, to be received of all the lands of the said John in Chester. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27 *d.*]

26 Edw. 3. Delves, John de, and William de Penreth and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Blakenhale and Chatkylegh. [25 & 26 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 28.]

26 Edw. 3. Pynke, David, and Cecilia his wife, and Simon de Goddesmere, chaplain. Fine—tenements in Overwalton, Netherwalton, Gropenhale, Thelewall, and Hatton, near Deresbury. [26 & 27 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

26 Edw. 3. Thyknes, Richard de, junior, and Nicholas de Alsacher and Amicia his wife. Tenements in Crue, near Weston. [26 & 27 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

26 Edw. 3. Buckelowe and Northwych. Inquisition, finding that at every mise of a hundred pounds the hundred of Bucklowe ought to pay 14*l.*, and the hundred of Northwych 13*l.* [26 & 27 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

27 Edw. 3. Childwell, Richard de, parson of the church of Lawton, and William son of Thomas de Rode, and Margery his wife, and Robert Pike, chaplain. Fine—tenements in Chirchelawton. [26 & 27 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19 *d.*]

27 Edw. 3. Calvylegh, Roger son of Thomas de. Inquisition, finding that the said Roger held one messuage and one bovate of land in Thyngwall, of whom unknown, and one messuage and twenty acres of land in Calvylegh, of Ken' de Calvylegh, by knight's service; that the said Roger died without issue; that the said estate descended to William son of Thomas de Calvylegh as brother and heir of the said Roger; that the said William survived the said Ken', and died without issue; that the said tenements and land then descended to Robert son of Thomas de Calvylegh, a minor, as brother and heir of the said William; that John Dounvill through his bailiff seized the body of the said William, together with his tenements in Thyngwall, and delivered the same William to his friends, so that they should restore to the same John the body of the said William, or the body of the brother or sister of the same William if the said William should die; that the said Ken' on the death of the said Roger seized the tenements in Calvylegh; that on the death of the said Roger the same descended to one Ralph as kinsman and heir; that the said Ralph acquired a third part of the manor of Hasel, held of the Earl of Chester *in capite;* that the tenements in Calvylegh and third part aforesaid descended, on the death of the said Ralph, to Katherine and Ellen as sisters and heirs; that the said Ellen was a minor, and in the custody of the Earl of Chester; that David de Calvylegh held the body and tenements of the said Robert as of right of the said John Dounvill and Ken' until they were taken into the Earl's hands by virtue of an inquisition; and that the same Robert held thirty acres of land in Calvylegh of the heirs of the said Ken' in socage. [26 & 27 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19 *d.*]

27 Edw. 3. Corona, Thomas de. Deed of, quitclaiming in favour of Robert de Legh, senior, his heirs and assigns, all right to the manor of Aldelynton. [26 & 27 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21 *d.*]

27 Edw. 3. Corona, Thomas de. Deed of, quitclaiming in favour of John son of John Blound of Chester, his heirs and assigns, all title to the manor of Parva Neston and Haregreve in Wyrhale. [26 & 27 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21 *d.*]

27 Edw. 3. Danyers, Thomas son of Thomas, Katherine daughter of William de Tabbelegh, John de Beston, parson of the church of Alderdelegh, and Thomas de Tabbelegh, chaplain. Fine—tenements in Overetabbelegh. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4 *d.*]

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27 Edw. 3. Delves, John de, and Walter del Greves and Felicia his wife. Fine—one messuage, seventeen acres of land, one acre of meadow, and three acres of moor in Chatkylegh. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6 *d.*]

27 Edw. 3. Honford, Geoffrey de, and Ameria daughter of Robert de Mascy, and Robert de Mascy of Tatton. Fine—tenements in Godelegh, Neuton, near Godelegh, Mottrum in Longedenedale, and Holynworth. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

28 Edw. 3. Motlowe, Henry de, and Thomas Mody and Alicia his wife. Fine—tenements in Buggelauton. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

28 Edw. 3. Emmessone, Thomas son of Thomas, and Alicia his wife, and Thomas Mody and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Buggelauton. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

28 Edw. 3. Werynton and Northwich. Inquisition, finding that the highway leading from the town of Werynton to the town of Northwich began at the river Mercy in the town of Lacheford at "Le Stubbrugge," thence through the middle of the town of Lacheford to "Oldefeldesyate" and so to "Le Stauriesford," and in a direct line beyond "Le Knolles" to the manor of the town of Apelton, and so between the hall of the said manor and the barn near "Thoraldescroft" on the east to "Le Saleyate" near the bounds of Stretton, and so through the middle of the town of Stretton to Northcotes, and so following the straight way and the way used from time immemorial to the town of Northwich; also that there was a certain other way beginning at the bridge of Werynton, and so to "Wyldrespol Spytel," thence to Hulleclyf and so to "Le Salelydeyate," and thence following the aforesaid way; that the said way had been used from time immemorial, but that the lords of the towns of Apelton and Lacheford always took toll (*vadiaverunt*) of every one passing by the same, because it was not of right the highway. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22.]

28 Edw. 3. Delves, John de, and Richard son of John son of William de Crue, and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Weston, near Crue. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 32.]

28 Edw. 3. Heth, Sibyl who was the wife of Nicholas del. Deed of, quitclaiming, in favour of John de Delves, all right to the lands and tenements which were held by John de Delves, in the county of Chester, of the demise of John le Bresey, and which were formerly of Robert de Praers father of the said Sibyl. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 33.]

28 Edw. 3. Shoklache, Margaret who was the wife of David son of Jor' son of Griffin de, against John son of Richard son of Robert de Codynton. Dower of one messuage and four acres of land in Horton, near Shoklache. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 34 *d.*]

28 Edw. 3. Calvylegh, David de. Inquisition, finding that one Ken' de Calvylegh, lord of the manor of Calvylegh, gave by his charter to Henry his son one messuage and twenty acres of land in Calvylegh, parcel of the same manor, to hold to him and the heirs of his body, and, them failing, with remainder to Thomas brother of the same Henry and the heirs of his body, and, them failing, with reversion to the said Ken' and his heirs, to hold to him and his heirs by knight's service and the rendering, yearly during the life of the said Ken', of 38*s.* 4*d.*; that afterwards the aforesaid Ken' enfeoffed Henry son of the same Ken' of the manor of Calvylegh, to whom the aforesaid Henry attorned; that the same Robert granted the said manor to the aforesaid Ken' for 39 years, from the feast of the Translation of St. Thomas in the 3rd year of Edw. 3., by virtue of which grant the said Henry paid yearly to the said Ken' 28*s.*; that the said Henry died without issue; that Thomas son of Ken' entered on the aforesaid messuages and twenty acres of land; that the said manor was held of the heir of Alperham by knight's service; that the aforesaid Thomas did not attorn to the before-mentioned Robert; that on the death of Robert son of Ken' the manor descended to Ralph his son and heir; that the said Ralph son of Robert purchased a third part of the manor of Haselwall to him and his heirs for ever; that the said third part was held of the Earl of Chester *in capite* by knight's service; that the same Ralph died, a minor, seised in his desmesne as of fee of the manor of Calvylegh and the said third part of the manor of Haselwall; that then the said manor and third part

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descended to Katherine and Ellen as sisters and heirs of the same Ralph; that Thomas son of Ken' died leaving issue one William, then a minor; that the aforesaid Ken' seised the custody of the messuages and twenty acres of land because the said Thomas had not attorned to Robert son of Ken'; that the said William died without issue; that the said messuage and twenty acres of land then descended to Robert son of Thomas as brother and heir of the same William; that the said Robert was then a minor; that the said Ken' kept possession of the custody of the said messuage and land for one week; that the said Thomas and the said Ken' died during the life of the before-mentioned Ralph; that by reason that the said Ellen was a minor and held a third part of the manor of Haselwall together with Katherine her sister, the Earl of Chester claimed the custody of the said Ellen as well as of her share of all the lands and tenements aforesaid; that one Roger de Lymme and Hawisia his wife were "lately" seized of the manor of Thyngwall as of the right of the said Hawisia, and held the same of the Lord of Wynstanton by knight's service; that the said Roger and Hawisia enfeoffed Roger Dounvill, Knight, of the said manor; that the said Roger Dounvill, Knight, enfeoffed one Roger son of William Dounvill, his heirs and assigns, of a moiety of the said manor, by the name of a moiety of the town of Thyngwall, for the yearly service of one pound of cinnamon; that that moiety of the manor of Thyngwall was held of John Dounvill *in capite* as the heir of Roger Dounvill, Knight, by the service of an eighth part of a knight's fee; that one Roger son of Roger Dounvill enfeoffed Roger de Pennesby son and heir of the aforesaid Roger son of William of the other moiety of the manor of Thyngwall, by the name of a moiety of the town of Thyngwall, to hold to him, his heirs and assigns, by the yearly service of two marks; that that moiety was held of the manor of Wystanston *in capite* by knight's service; that the same Roger de Pennesby was seised of the manor of Thyngwall, and had three daughters, Isabel, Alice, and Margery; that Isabel married the aforesaid Thomas de Calvylegh; that on the death of the said Roger the said Isabel, Alice, and Margery entered upon the said manor; that the said Thomas de Calvylegh and Isabel had issue Robert and William; that on the death of the said Thomas and Isabel the said William and Robert were minors; that John Dounvill as heir of Roger Dounvill, Knight, seised the custody of the said William and of his inheritance; that the said William died without issue, when his share of the manor of Thyngwall descended to the before-mentioned Robert, a minor, son of the aforesaid Thomas de Calvylegh as brother and heir of the said William; that John Dounvill was not seised of the custody of the body of the same Robert; that the said Isabel held by priority of the aforesaid John Dounvill; and that after the death of the aforesaid William son of the aforesaid Thomas de Calvylegh and Isabel one David de Calvylegh, supposing the same Thomas and Isabel to have held in soccage, seised the custody of the aforesaid brother of the same William, but afterwards satisfied the said John Dounvill for the same. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 42.]

28 Edw. 3. Shoklache, Margaret who was the wife of David son of Jor' son of Griffin de, against Richard son of Robert de Codynton. Dower of one messuage and four acres of land in Horton, near Shoklace; and against John son of Richard son of Robert de Codynton, dower of one messuage and four acres of land in the same town; the said Richard vouches to warranty Griff' son and heir of David son of Jor'. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 49 *d*, 61.]

29 Edw. 3. Danyers, Joan who was the wife of Thomas, against Helewysia, prioress of the House of Nuns of St. Mary. Dower. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 57.]

—— The same, against John Danyers, Knight. [*Ibid.*]

29 Edw. 3. Broodok, Richard del, and Ellen his wife, formerly wife of John de Astebury, against John son of Alexander Deneys. Dower of one messuage and one carucate of land in Buggelauton. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 63.]

29 Edw. 3. Danyers, Thomas, Knight. Inquisition, finding that the said Thomas died seised in his demesne as of fee of 1½ acres of land in Hale, as

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parcel of the manor of Dunham, and that the said land was held of the Earl of Chester by knight's service. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 65 *d.*]

29 Edw. 3. Prayers, William de, of Badylegh, and Henry de Sharynton. Fine—manor of Badylegh and a hundred acres of land, ten acres of meadow and forty acres of wood in Badylegh, thirteen messuages and a hundred acres of land in Fadilegh, ten messuages and a hundred and six acres of meadow in Burlond, and sixteen messuages and three hundred acres of land in Brundelegh. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 68.]

29 Edw. 3. Norreys, William, protection to, on his going abroad, in the King's service, in the retinue of Henry Duke of Lancaster. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 70 *d.*]

29 Edw. 3. Elenessone, Thomas, of Bulkylegh, protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going to Gascony in the retinue of the said Earl. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 70 *d.*]

29 Edw. 3. Danyers, John, Kt., protection to on his going to Gascony in the retinue of the Earl of Chester. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 70 *d.*]

29 Edw. 3. Stoke, John de, and Alice his wife, sister of Hugh le Mercer. Inquisition, finding that Hugh le Mercer was seised in his demesne as of fee of thirteen messuages and 23*s.* 8*d.* rent in the city of Chester; that the said Hugh enfeoffed Felicia, who was the wife of William de Doncaster, of the said lands and tenements, on condition that, if Hugh son and heir of the same Hugh should act as desired by the said Felicia, she should enfeoff the same Hugh of the aforesaid lands and tenements, to hold to him and the heirs of his body, and, them failing, with remainder to John his brother; that it was proposed between the said Felicia and Robert de Ledesham, citizen of Chester, that the said Hugh son of Hugh, who was born before marriage, should marry Margery daughter of the same Robert, and that the said Felicia should enfeoff the said Hugh and Margery of the said lands and tenements, excepting certain of them to the value of six marks yearly; that the said Robert refused the said marriage; that the said Hugh son of Hugh took, as a concubine, Ellen le Strongeresdoghter; that the said Hugh seeing that the said Felicia wished to enfeoff John his brother of the said lands entered the chief messuage of the aforesaid lands situated near "le Watergate," and that thereupon the said Felicia enfeoffed the said John of all the said lands, &c. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 74 *d.*]

29 Edw. 3. Yekeheth, Hugh de, and Roger le Mury and Amicia his wife. Fine—tenements in Whytepulle, near Worleston. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 76.]

29 Edw. 3. Waley, Hugh le. Charter of, granting, to Thomas de Dutton, Roger de Faryndon, John de Wetfeld, parson of the church of Bebynton, ... Molynton, vicar of Bacford, Adam de Wygan, chaplain, and John de Babynton, chaplain, all his the said Hugh's lands, tenements, &c., in the county of Chester. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 79 *d.*]

29 Edw. 3. Bostok, William de, and Joan his wife, formerly wife of Thomas Danyers, against Helewisia, prioress of the House of Nuns of St. Mary, Chester. Dower of one messuage, forty acres of land, and six acres of meadow in Marleston, near Lache; the said prioress vouches to warranty Hugh de Novo Castro, chaplain, and Margaret Banastre. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 87, 112.]

30 Edw. 3. Starky, Maria who was the wife of Thomas, against Matilda Wyger. Dower of one messuage and one salt-pit in Northwich. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 92.]

30 Edw. 3. Ludelowe, John de, and John son of Richard de . . . . . and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Berthynton, near Duderton. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 92.]

30 Edw. 3. Dudelegh, James de, Kt., and Isabel his wife, and Adam de . . . . and Ellen his wife. Fine—tenements in Wistanston. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 92.]

30 Edw. 3. Wasteneys, Cecilia who was the wife of William de. Inquisition, finding that the said Cecilia was seised of the manor of Elton, and gave the same to John de Ardene, Kt., for the sake of having his support on account of the discord existing between the said Cecilia and Peter de Thornton. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 100.]

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30 Edw. 3. Orreby, John de, "Dominus de" Foukestapleford. Inquisition, finding that the said John granted to John de Huxelegh and Joan his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, a place of moor and meadow in Foukestapleford called "Elyasmor and Medewe" for 40 years from the feast of St. Laurence 1328; and that the said John and Joan had no other estate in the said land. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 100.]

30 Edw. 3. Tuchet, Thomas son of Robert, of Lauton. Protection to, by the King, on the said Thomas going, on the King's service, to Brittany in the retinue of Henry Duke of Lancaster. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 103.]

30 Edw. 3. Acton, Robert de. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, during his stay with the Earl in Gascony. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 103 *d.*]

30 Edw. 3. Donne, Thomas, of Crouton. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, during his stay with the Earl in Gascony. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 103 *d.*]

30 Edw. 3. Blorton, Roger de. Inquisition, finding that the said Roger was a bastard; that he had three daughters, viz., Margaret, Agnes, and Cecilia; that he died seised in his demesne as of fee of one messuage in Bruggestrete and one cellar in Flessherowe and one garden upon "le Croftes" in the city of Chester; that he left the said cellar and garden to the said Agnes and her heirs for ever; that he left the said messuages to Cecilia his wife for life, with remainder to the said Margaret, Agnes, and Cecilia; that the said Margaret, Agnes, and Cecilia died without issue; and that Thomas de Hathern husband of the said Agnes deceased then held the said cellar and garden by the law of England. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 108.]

30 Edw. 3. Deneys, Thomas brother of Peter . . . . . of Thomas. Inquisition, finding that the said Thomas held land in Rode of William son of John Trussel, of Cubleston, Kt., *in capite* by knight's service. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 108 *d.*]

30 Edw. 3. Delves, John de, and William de Penreth and Margery his wife. Fine—an annual rent of six marks in Blakenhale. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 111 *d.*]

30 Edw. 3. Spurstowe, Margery de, and Richard son of Richard . . . . . and Anghareth his wife. Fine—tenements in Halghton. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 111 *d.*]

30 Edw. 3. Becheton, Thomas de. Inquisition, finding that the said Thomas held a parcel of land in Northroode for the support of John son and heir of Richard Janny, a minor; that the said Richard the father purchased the said parcel of John Trussell, Kt., who held the same of Thomas de Ardene. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 111 *d.*]

30 Edw. 3. Pykeryng, Robert de. Inquisition, finding that the said Robert was prevented by indisposition from going with the Earl of Chester to Gascony; and that the said Robert was to answer for his wages and vestments. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 111 *d.*]

30 Edw. 3. Seys, David, of Egge. Protection, during his stay with the Earl of Chester in Gascony. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 114, 116.]

30 Edw. 3. Copenhale, Agnes who was the wife of William son of William son of Mabel de, against John de Wetenhale, of Derfold. Dower of a tenement in Chirchecopenhale. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 114, 129.]

30 Edw. 3. Wolfhull, Thomas son of Thomas de. Protection, during his stay with the Earl of Chester in Gascony. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 118.]

31 Edw. 3. Woderone, Gervase, and William son of Hugh del Shakke, and Ellen his wife. Fine—tenements in Merpull. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 133.]

31 Edw. 3. Wevere, Thomas de, and Thomas del Heyehuyrne. Fine—tenements in Chirchemunshull. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 133.]

31 Edw. 3. Wich-Malbank, Richard son of Thomas de, and John le Taillor, of Conele, and Ellen his wife. Fine—one messuage and five cottages in Wich-Malbank. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 141.]

31 Edw. 3. Wevere, Thomas . . . . . Inquisition, finding that Reginald de Grey held the manor of Russheton *in capite* by knight's service; that in the time of Edw. 1. he gave a bovate of land in Russheton, parcel of the same manor, to Thomas . . . . . de Wevere and his heirs; that the said bovate did not belong to the bailiwick of the forest of Mondrem, which Richard de Wevere . . . . . Thomas son of Henry then claimed; that the said bovate was seized into the Earl's

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hands on the supposition that the same was part of the said bailiwick; and that the aforesaid Richard was thirty years of age. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 143 *d.*]

32 Edw. 3. Walay, Hugh de, and Richard de Preston, Skynner, and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Tranemol, Kirkeby in Walay, Mikel Moeles, and Liscark. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 165 *d.*]

32 Edw. 3. Saxi, Adam son of Henry, of Bettylegh, and William le Taillor, of Blakenhale, and Lucy his wife. Fine—two acres of land in Blakenhale. [27–32 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 173.]

32 Edw. 3. Rydelegh, William son of Robert de, and Katherine daughter of Richard de Cholmundelegh, and Robert de Rydelegh and Margaret his wife. Fine—tenements in Rydelegh. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

32 Edw. 3. Wynyngton, Agnes who was the wife of Richard de, against William son of Hugh Batessone. Dower. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

32 Edw. 3. Stanelegh, Robert de, and William de Carynton, Kt., and Matilda his wife. Fine. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

32 Edw. 3. Hulfeld, Roger de, and Ken' de Rydelegh and Cristiana his wife. Fine. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

32 Edw. 3. Danyers, Alicia who was the wife of John, of Lymme, against John Danyers, Kt. Dower—the custody of the lands and heir of John son of Henry Danyers, and a third of seven messuages, a hundred acres of land, six acres of meadow, twenty acres of wood, and twenty acres of pasture in Lymme. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

32 Edw. 3. Savage, John, and Margery his wife, formerly wife of John de Baggelegh, against William son of John de Legh, Kt. Dower of the manor of Baggelegh, excepting twenty-three acres of land, one acre of meadow, and 2*s.* rent; and against Richard son of William de Baggelegh, dower of twenty-three acres of land, one acre of meadow, and 2*s.* rent in the same manor. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

33 Edw. 3. Praers, William de. Inquisition, finding that the manor of Merbury was held of the said William *in capite*. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

33 Edw. 3. Brodook, Richard del, and Elizabeth his wife, formerly wife of John de Astebury, against Thomas del Brook, of Overton. Dower of one messuage and nine acres of land in Congelton. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17 *d.* 23.]

33 Edw. 3. Roulegh, Roger de, and Stephen de Wodehouses and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Crannache. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22 *d.*]

33 Edw. 3. Gerard, Peter, and Katherine his wife, and William Gerard. Fine—two parts of the manors of Catenhal, ... Bradelegh, sixteen messuages, forty acres of land, a fourth part of a thousand acres of pasture, forty acres of wood, ten acres of turbary, and 28*s.* 11½*d.* rent in Kyngeslegh, Neuton, Norlegh, and Codynton. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 30.]

33 Edw. 3. Herthull, Richard son of Hugh de. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going abroad on the Earl's service. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 32.]

33 Edw. 3. Dutton, Thomas de. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going abroad on the Earl's service. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 35.]

33 Edw. 3. Trussel, William son and heir of John, of Cublesdon, Kt. Protection to, by the King, during his stay abroad in the retinue of Edward Prince of Wales. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 35.]

33 Edw. 3. Voil, Howel ap Oweyn. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going abroad on the Earl's service. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 35.]

33 Edw. 3. Savage, John and Margery his wife, formerly wife of John de Baggelegh, against Roesia who was the wife of William de Baggelegh, Kt. Dower of six messuages and sixty acres of land in Northworthyn. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 36 *d*, 44 *d.*]

33 Edw. 3. Codynton, Angharet who was the wife of Richard de, against John son of Richard de Codynton. Dower of two messuages, twenty acres of land, and one acre of meadow in Horton, near Tylstan. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 37.]

33 Edw. 3. Holt, Hugh son of Hugh del, and Margery his wife, and John le Clerk, of Brundlegh. Fine—tenements in Brundelegh and Burland. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 37 *d.*]

34 Edw. 3. Leycester, John de, and John Spendelove, and William Geffesone, of Modberlegh, chaplain. Fine—a third of the manor of Modberlegh, sixteen messuages, three hundred acres of land, twenty acres of meadow,

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five acres of wood, twenty acres of moor, and thirty acres of turbary, and a moiety of one mill, in Tatton, Plumlegh, Sutton near Macclesfield, and Somerford near Merton. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 41.]

34 Edw. 3. Acton, Ralph. Inquisition, finding that Ralph Acton gave, to Richard Acton his son and Alice his wife, one messuage and two bovates of land only; and afterwards gave to the said Richard and Ellen his second wife, daughter of Roger de Moldeworth, and the heirs of their bodies, the residue of his lands and tenements in the town of Acton, together with a third part of the lordship of the same town; and that the said Richard and Ellen had issue Robert de Acton.—This Inquisition was taken on the petition of Alayn son of the said Richard and Alice his first wife, to recover the said third part of the said town. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 42 *d.*]

34 Edw. 3. Shrewsbury, Henry Abbot of. Enrolment by, of a charter of Randal Earl of Chester, by which he granted to God and St. Peter and the monks of Shrewsbury two parcels of land in Middelwich, in recompense of the injuries he had brought upon their church, and of the confirmation of the same by Hugh son of the said Randal. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 44 *d.*]

34 Edw. 3. Tildeslegh, Richard son of Thurstan de, and Joan his wife, and Thurstan de Tildeslegh and Emma his wife. Fine—a moiety of the manor of Arwe. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 44 *d.*]

34 Edw. 3. Elton, Thomas de. Charter of, granting to Thomas son of Richard son of Ralph de Congelton, and John Passelegh, chaplains, all his lands and tenements in Elton. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 46 *d.*]

—— Charter of Thomas son of Richard son of Ralph de Congelton, and John Passelegh, chaplains, granting all their lands and tenements in Elton, to Thomas de Elton and Agnes his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, and, them failing, to the right heirs of the said Thomas. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 46 *d.*]

34 Edw. 3. Somerford, Thomas de, and Margery his wife, and Richard son of Richard del Brodok, and Isabel his wife. Fine — tenements in Astbury Neubold. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 52 *d.*]

34 Edw. 3. Cholmundelegh, Ken' son of David de, and John son of Geoffrey de Pilatenhale, and Ellen his wife. Fine—tenements in Malpas. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 55.]

35 Edw. 3. Bykerton, Amicia who was the wife of William de, against Robert de Bykerton. Dower of two messuages, thirty acres of land, and four acres of meadow in Bykerton. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 74, 80.]

35 Edw. 3. Delves, John de, and Hugh del Holt and Margery his wife. Fine—2*d.* rent and a moiety of three knight's fees, in Merbury, Stapelegh, Chorleton, and Upton in Wyrhale. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 89 *d.*]

35 Edw. 3. Dod, David, and John Dod, of Broxon, and Felicia his wife. Fine—tenements in Caurthyn and Tilstan. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 89 *d.*]

35 Edw. 3. Calvylegh . . . . and John son of William de White . . . . . Fine—tenements in Calvylegh. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 89 *d.*]

35 Edw. 3. Clayteford, Richard son of Hugh de, and Henry de Swerkeston and Ellen his wife. Fine — tenements in Middlewich and Stanthurll. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 94 *d.*]

35 Edw. 3. Brothersone, Richard, and Henry de Swerkestone and Ellen his wife. Fine—tenements in Sutton, near Middlewich. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 94 *d.*]

35 Edw. 3. Baxter, William son of Robert le, of Weryngton, and Henry le Ferour, of Chester, and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Altryncham. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 94 *d.*]

35 Edw. 3. Stanley, William de, forester of Wirhall. Inquisition touching the claims of. The liberties, privileges, and duties pertaining to the office of forester are set forth at great length. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 98.]

35 Edw. 3. Wevere, . . . de, chaplain, and Thomas de Wevere and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Bunbury, Beston, Burlonds, and Teverton. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 100.]

36 Edw. 3. Worleston, Elizabeth who was the wife of Thomas de, against Roger de Bromlegh and Leticia his wife. Dower of the manor of Chorlegh, six messuages, a hundred and twenty acres of land, six acres of meadow, twelve acres of wood, and of a moiety of two messuages in Chorlegh, Worleston, Barkesford, and Wich-Malbank. [32–36 *Edw.* 3 *m.* 101.]

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—— The same, against Margery the wife of William de Wevere. Dower of five messuages, a hundred acres of land, and twelve acres of meadow in Worleston. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 101.]

36 Edw. 3. Sydynton, Ellen who was the wife of Edmund de, against Randal de Sydynton. Dower of the manor of Sydynton. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 101.]

36 Edw. 3. Wetenhale, John de, of Derefold. Inquisition, finding that the said John did not die seised of the tenth part of the barony of Wich-Malbank, six messuages, fifty acres of land, sixteen acres of wood, and the sixth part of a mill in Acton, near Wich-Malbank, nor of the homage and services of Matthew de Fouleshurst for the manor of Neubold, near Wich-Malbank, nor of the third part of the advowson of the church of Davenham, which was held of the Earl of Chester *in capite*; that he died seised of the homage and services of Richard Donn, of Utkynton; that there was no Richard Scot and Ellen his wife holding the third part of the manor of Stanthurll, as set forth in the writ; that the said John was of sound memory when he demised the aforesaid tenements to Randulph de Bechynton, parson of Wodechurch, and William de Blaken, chaplain; and that the feoffment was made in good faith, and not that they should re-enfeoff Agnes wife of the said John de Wetenhale and Thomas his son, for the purpose of depriving the Earl of Chester of the custody of heir of the said John. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 105.]

36 Edw. 3. Merton, Margery who was the wife of Stephen de, against Ellen who was the wife of John de Merton. Dower of twenty messuages, four hundred acres of land, ten acres of meadow, two hundred acres of wood, and a hundred acres of heath in Gayton and Lachemaubank upon Rudeheth. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 107.]

36 Edw. 3. Fogge, Robert, and John Rothelan, of Newehalle, and Matilda his wife. Fine—a third of two messuages, sixteen acres of land, one acre of meadow, and the reversion of a third part of two messuages, eight acres of land, and a moiety of one acre of land in Kelshale and Assheton, near Moldeworth. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 108 *d.*]

36 Edw. 3. Grymesdyche, Maria who was the wife of Simon de, against John son of Simon de Grymesdyche. Dower of three messuages, forty acres of land, one acre of meadow, and three acres of moor in Northwhitelegh, Hatton, near Stretton, and Neuton, near Hatton. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 118.]

36 Edw. 3. Cumbermere, Richard Abbot of. Charter of, quitclaiming, to William de Praers son of Katherine le Norreys and the heirs of his body, all right to the lands and tenements, services, and rents, which William de Praers, of Badylegh, father of the aforesaid William, held on the day he died of the grant of the abbots of Cumbermere, the predecessors of the said Richard, in Badylegh, Fadylegh, Burlond, and Brundelegh, excepting one acre of land assigned to the church of Badylegh in the name of glebe and the advowson of the church. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 114 *d.*]

36 Edw. 3. Merbury, Thomas son of John de, and Thomas de Roulegh and Margaret his wife. Fine—a fifth part of the manor of Hatton, near Deresbury. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 115.]

36 Edw. 3. Eggerton, Mabel who was the wife of John son of Urian de, against Ralph de Eggerton. Dower. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 118.]

36 Edw. 3. Hogh, Alice who was the wife of Hugh del, against John de Delves. Dower. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 118.]

—— The same, against Margery who was the wife of John del Brook. Dower. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 118.]

—— The same, against Hugh le Cartewright, chaplain. Dower of two salt-pits in Middlewich. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 119. 36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

36 Edw. 3. Neuton, Isabel who was the wife of Richard de, against Robert son of Richard de. Dower of ten messuages, two hundred acres of land, six acres of meadow, and three acres of moor. [No place mentioned.] [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 119.]

36 Edw. 3. Worth, Katherine who was the wife of Thomas de, against William de Hulm and Matilda his wife. Dower of seven messuages, five hundred acres of land, four acres of meadow, twenty acres of wood, and 32*s.* rent

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in Macclesfield, Upton, Falibrom, Ponynton, Adlynton, and Torkynton; the said William and Matilda vouch to warranty Richard le Webster, chaplain. [32–36 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 119 *d.*]

36 Edw. 3. Davenport, Arthur de, and Katherine his wife, formerly wife of Thomas de Beston, against Katherine daughter of Thomas de Beston, and Agnes and Alice her sisters. Dower of one messuage, forty acres of land, two acres of meadow, and four acres, with appurtenances, in Alperham. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1.]

36 Edw. 3. Neuton, Margaret who was the wife of Richard de, against Robert son of Richard de. Dower of ten messuages, two hundred acres of land, six acres of meadow, and three acres of moor in Stockport, Hattreslegh, and Neuton, near Dokynfeld. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

36 Edw. 3. Calvylegh, David de, and John Colle and Agnes his wife, and John de Whitemore, senior, and Cristiana his wife. Fine—two acres and a half of turbary in Parva Stanthurll. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6 *d.*]

36 Edw. 3. Danyers, John, knight. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going to Gascony on the Earl's service. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

36 Edw. 3. Mascy, Hamo de. Exemption from serving on juries, &c., on account of the good service he had done the Earl of Chester in Gascony, and especially at the battle of Poictiers. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

36 Edw. 3. Hogh, Alice who was the wife of Hugh del, against Henry de Delves, Thomas de Delves, parson of the church of Donwenne, Edmund de Kyrkeby, parson of the church of Rossefaire, John de Hynces, chaplain, Thomas de Budenhale, chaplain, and John de Scolehalgh, clerk. Dower of fifty messuages, two water-mills, a thousand acres of land, twenty acres of meadow, twenty acres of wood, forty acres of pasture, and thirty acres of moor, in Hogh, near Wybenbury, Walgherton, Blakenhale, and Shavyngton, near Wybenbury; the defendants vouch to warranty John de Delves, Knight. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8 *d.*]

36 Edw. 3. Morton, Matilda who was the wife of Thomas son of Adam de, against Richard son of Adam de. Dower of one messuage and forty acres of land in Rode. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8 *d.*]

37 Edw. 3. Lax, John de, and William de Bromlegh, of Batynton, and Annabel his wife. Fine—a moiety of the manor of Batynton and Bromhale. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16.]

37 Edw. 8. Buyrton, Adam de, and John Breton and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Buyrton, near Aldelym. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19.]

37 Edw. 3. Brom, Robert son of Thomas del. Charter of, quitclaiming, to Robert de Legh, senior, and Matilda his wife, John Thurstan, Peter Thurstan, and Robert son of Robert de Legh, all right, the said Robert Brom, had to a parcel of land called "Le Brom" in the town of Lymme, formerly of Robert del Brom, and demised by Adam de Kyngeslegh, clerk, to Robert de Legh, senior, and Matilda his wife for life, with successive remainders to John son of the aforesaid Robert de Legh, Thurstan and Peter brothers of the said Robert, and Robert son of the aforesaid Robert de Legh, and the heirs male of their bodies, and, them failing, to the right heirs of the said Robert de Legh. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22.]

37 Edw. 3. Clerk, Thomas son of John. Charter of, quitclaiming, to William son of Philip de Horton, and Alice his wife all right to tenements and lands in the town of Tilstan held of lease of the said Thomas by the said William, so that should the said Philip and Alice die without issue the said premises should revert to the said Thomas. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 29.]

38 Edw. 3. Bunbury, Richard de and . . . . . and Richard Filcok, chaplain. Fine—fourteen messuages, a hundred and forty acres of land, forty acres of meadow, and twenty acres of moor in Beston, Tiddeleston, and Neuton, near Tatenhale, and a moiety of the manor of Bunbury, together with the advowson of the church of the same moiety. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 36.]

27 Edw. 3. Davenport, Thomas son of John de, Knight. Enrolment by, of an inspeximus of the Earl of Chester of a charter of Randulph Earl of Chester, granting to Richard de Davenport and his heirs for ever, exemption from suit of court of the county of Chester, and of the hundred of Northwich, and of the pleas of Middlewich, and from serving on juries; the said Richard to render therefor yearly a gilt spur or 6*d.* [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 39.]

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38 Edw. 3. Mascy, Richard son of Richard de, of Sale, and John de Hyde, Knight, and Alice his wife. Fine—a moiety of the manor of Godelegh, a sixth part of the manor of Neuton in Longedenedale, two messuages, seventeen acres of land, a fourth part of the manor of Mattelegh, one messuage and fourteen acres of land in Stokport, Mottram in Longedenedale, and Baggelegh. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 46.]

36 Edw. 3. Hulme, William son of Robert de. Charter of, granting to Margaret who was the wife of Robert de Hulme, her heirs and assigns, the manor of Worth, together with the messuages, lands, &c., in Upton, Macclesfield, and Torkynton, which he the said William had of the gift of Richard le Webstere, chaplain. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 51.]

38 Edw. 3. Beston, David son of Henry de, and Thomas de Bollesore and Avice his wife, and Cecilia sister of the same Avice. Fine—tenements in Tildestan, near Bunbury. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 52.]

38 Edw. 3. Belleyetter, Alexander le, of Chester, and Roger de Barton and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Chirchecristelton. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 59.]

38 Edw. 3. Dutton, Thomas de, Knight, and Philippa his wife, formerly the wife of Peter de Thornton, Knight, against Richard le Bruyn, of Chester. Dower of two messuages, twenty acres of land, three acres of meadow, two acres of wood, and twenty-four acres of wood in Wymbaldestroghford; the said Richard vouches to warranty Laurence de Dutton, Peter Fyton, Henry de Beston and Matilda his wife, Thomas de Seynesbury and Beatrice his wife, Matthew de Weverham, Katherine daughter of Peter de Thornton, Knight, and Margaret sister of the same Katherine. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 63 *d.*]

38 Edw. 3. Maynwaryng, Elizabeth who was the wife of William de. Charter of William de Mottelowe and John Spendelove, chaplain, granting to the said Elizabeth for life, the manor of Overpever, which they had of the gift of Joan daughter of Roger de Maynwaryng and Milicent daughter of William le Maynwaryng, with successive remainders to William son of William de Maynwaryng, John, Randulph, Thomas, John, Alan, and Richard, brothers of the said William, and the heirs male of their bodies, and, them failing, to the right heirs of William de Maynwaryng, senior. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 64 *d.*]

38 Edw. 3. Danyers, John, Knight. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going to join the Earl in Gascony, there to remain in his service. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 64 *d.*]

38 Edw. 3. Scot, Hugh, son of William. Charter of, granting, to John de Aston, parson of the church of Knesale, and John Starky, of Stretton, their heirs and assigns, all his the said Hugh's lands, tenements, &c., in Netherwhitelegh, Overwhitelegh, Hatton, and Halton; also the rent and services of Robert Scot for a tenement held by him in Netherwhitelegh, and the reversion of all the tenements which Robert Scot held. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 67.]

38 Edw. 3. Venables, Roger son of Hugh de, Knight, and Elizabeth his wife, formerly wife of Randal le Roter, Knight, against William de Brerton, Knight, Thomas de Whelok, William de Bostok, William le Roter, parson of the church of Hanlegh, Ughtred de Huxlegh, Ken' del Lee, William de Larketon, and Philip Filkyn. Dower of twenty messuages, four hundred acres of land, forty acres of meadow, forty acres of wood, four hundred acres of pasture, and two parts of one water-mill in Kyngeslegh, Norlegh, Weverham, Acton, Crouton, Frodesham, and Haselwall. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 68 *d.*]

39 Edw. 3. Sonde, John son of Robert son of Ralph de, and . . . . le Serjeant, of Wich-Malbank, and Agnes his wife. Fine—a garden in Wich-Malbank. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 71.]

39 Edw. 3. Pecok, Ken' and Elizabeth his wife, and David de Calvylegh. Fine—tenements in Magna Egge. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 71 *d.*]

39 Edw. 3. Maylour, Katherine daughter of Richard le, of Oswaldestre, and Howel le Bul, of Oswaldestre, and Sibyl his wife. Fine—a fourth part of a moiety of the manor of Hapesford, and of one messuage and seven bovates of land in Stonydunham. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 77.]

39 Edw. 3. Davenport, John de, of Wheltrogh, senior, and Margaret his wife, and Thomas Shyrard, of Sydynton, and Cecilia his wife. Fine—tenements in Sydynton. [36–39 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 77.]

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39 Edw. 3. Dutton, William de, parson of the church of Thornton, and Thomas le Yonge, of Oswaldestre, and Margaret his wife. Fine—an eighth part of the manor of Hapesford, and two messuages, seven bovates of land, and two acres of meadow in Stonydunham. [39 & 40 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

39 Edw. 3. Birchore, Matilda who was the wife of Adam de, against Richard de Hogh and Alice his wife, and Thomas son of Thomas de Honkylowe. Dower. [39 & 40 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

39 Edw. 3. Alkemundelowe, Joan who was the wife of Thomas de, against Thomas Hodynet Sherman. Dower of one messuage in Chester; the same Thomas vouches to warranty William Thloit. [39 & 40 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1, 7 *d.*]

40 Edw. 3. Fouleshurst, Robert de, junior, and Nicholas le Webbe, chaplain, and Thomas de Baskervill. Fine—manor of Edlaston, sixty messuages, a hundred and twenty acres of land, thirty acres of meadow, sixty librata of rent, and a sixth part of the manor of Wich-Malbank. [39 & 40 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 17.]

40 Edw. 3. Assheton, Joan who was the wife of Robert de, senior, against Robert de Asshton, senior. Dower of one messuage and ten acres of land in Asshton, near Carynton. [39 & 40 *Edw.* 3, *m.* 25.]

40 Edw. 3. Caurthyn, David son of William de, and William de Caurthyn and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Horton, near Tilstan. [39 & 40 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 26.]

40 Edw. 3. Overton, David de, and William de Caurthyn and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Overton. [39 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 26.]

40 Edw. 3. Donnes, William del, de Shriggelegh, and John son of Edmund de Bosedon. Fine—tenements in Overe, Upton. [39 & 40 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 26.]

40 Edw. 3. Belgreve, Thomas son of John de, and Joan his wife, and John de Beston, parson of the church of Alderdelegh, and William de Salghton, parson of the church of Pulford. Fine—manors of Pulford and Buyrton, near Aldeford, sixteen messuages, four hundred acres of land, fourteen acres of meadow, a hundred acres of heath, 18*s.* 3*d.* rent, and a fourth part of the manor of Shollelegh in Glaverton, Broxon, Crokealdreshay, and Waverton, and the advowson of the church of Pulford. [39 & 40 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 29.]

40 Edw. 3. Starky, Randal son of John, and John Starky, of Stretton, and Alina his wife. Fine—tenements in Stretton. [39 & 40 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 32.]

41 Edw. 3. Wode, Hugh del, del Ruddynges, and Thomas de Wynkelegh and Katherine his wife. Fine—tenements in Wylaston, near Wich-Malbank. [40 & 41 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3 *d.*]

41 Edw. 3. Coton, Robert son of William de, and Henry son of Henry de Crannache, and Ellen his wife. Fine—tenements in Chirchehulm. [40 & 41 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3 *d.*]

41 Edw. 3. Werberton, Adam son of Richard son of Geoffrey, and Isabel his wife, formerly wife of Hugh de Venables of Wymbaldestroghford, against John son of Hugh de Venables of Wymbaldestroghford. Dower of five messuages, eighty acres of land, and four acres of meadow in Wymbaldestroghford and Stonydunham. [40 & 41 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

41 Edw. 3. Wodehouses, John del and Matilda his wife, formerly wife of William de Wynynton, against John de Wynynton. Dower of eight acres of land and one acre of meadow in Shurlache. [40 & 41 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

41 Edw. 3. Donnes, Alice who was the wife of William del, against William de Seynesbury and Margaret his wife. Dower. [40 & 41 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

41 Edw. 3. Prestbury, Henry de, and John de Rossyndale, chaplain. Fine—tenements in Prestbury. [40 & 41 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

41 Edw. 3. Boydel, Katherine who was the wife of Robert le, of Gropenhale, against William son of Howel ap Oweyn Voyl. Dower. [41 & 42 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12 *d.*]

41 Edw. 3. Bruyn, Margaret who was the wife of Hugh le, of Pykmere, against Nicholas le Bruyn of Stapelford. Dower of three messuages and forty acres of land in Huxlegh, Gildensutton, and Foukestapelford. [41 & 42 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 5. 42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2, 16 *d.*]

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41 Edw. 3. Heire, William le, of Werleston, and Alice his wife, and William de Wevere, of Werleston, and Margery his wife. Fine—tenements in Werleston near Henehull. [41 & 42 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

42 Edw. 3. Macclesfield, John son of Jordan de. Charter of, granting to Master John de Brunham, clerk, his heirs and assigns, all his the said John's lands in Overton, Madok, and Worthenbury. [41 & 42 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22.]

42 Edw. 3. Wetenhale, Ellen who was the wife of William son of Robert de, against William son of William de Wetenhale. Dower of three messuages, a hundred and forty acres of land, six acres of meadow, twenty acres of wood, a hundred acres of heath, and a moiety of one water mill, and 40*s.* rent, in Alperham. [41 & 42 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 28.]

41 Edw. 3. Venables, Hugh de, Kt. Inquisition taken on Tuesday next after the Feast of All Saints in the 41 Edw. 3., finding that Hugh de Venables, Kt., died seised in his demesne as of fee of the Earl of Chester, in capite by barony, of the lands, messuages, &c., which Robert de Boterlay, Richard son of Stephen, and other tenants held, in Wytton and Le Cros, of the yearly value of 10*l.*; also in fee tail of the manors of Kynderton, Sprouston, Mershton, Wytton, and Le Cros, except ten librates of land held of the Earl of Chester in capite by the service aforesaid; also in fee tail of the advowson of the church of Routhesthorn, and lands and tenements in Middlewich held of the Earl of Chester by the like service; that Ralph, parson of the church of Davenham, and Hugh, parson of the church of Eccleston, granted all the aforesaid manors, lands, advowsons, &c., to the said Hugh de Venables, Kt., and the heirs of his body, and, them failing, to the right heirs of the said Hugh; that the said Hugh was seised, jointly with Katherine his wife, of the manor and advowson of Eccleston, held of the Earl of Chester by the service aforesaid; that the said Hugh de Venables gave the manors of Bradewall and Neuton in Wirhall, with his lands in Northwich, to the aforesaid Ralph and Hugh in fee simple; that the said Ralph and Hugh enfeoffed William de Venables, Kt., son of the aforesaid Hugh de Venables, Kt., and Matilda wife of the same William, and the heirs of their bodies, of the said manors, lands, &c., with remainder to the right heirs of the said Hugh; that the said William and Matilda died during the lifetime of the said Hugh, and had issue two daughters, Matilda and Katherine, who died without issue, the said Hugh living; that the aforesaid Hugh de Venables, Kt., formerly married Elizabeth daughter of William de Modberlegh, and had issue two sons, William and John; that the said William son and heir of the said Hugh married Matilda, daughter of Richard de Vernon, and had issue two daughters as above; that John, son, and, by death of William his brother, heir, of the said Hugh, married Isabel, daughter of Philip de Eggerton, and had issue a son, William; that the said John died during the lifetime of his father; that the said William, son of John, died without issue, the said Hugh living; that the said Hugh on the death of Elizabeth his wife married Katherine, daughter of Richard de Hoghton, and had issue Hugh, Roger, Thomas, and Richard; that the said Hugh de Venables, Kt., died on Friday next after the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist "last past;" that the said lands, &c., as valued at 10*l.* yearly, descended to the said Hugh, his son and heir, in fee simple; that the manors, homages, rents, advowsons, &c., excepting the manor and advowson of Eccleston, in which the said Katherine had a life estate, descended to the said Hugh by form of grant; that the manor and advowson of Eccleston should remain to the said Hugh on the death of the said Katherine, and that the yearly value of all the manors, &c., as above was 200 marks. [41 & 42 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 29.]

42 Edw. 3. Sutton, John son of Richard de. Charter of, quitclaiming in favour of Henry le Mareschall, clerk, and Matilda his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, and, them failing, the heirs of the said Henry, all right to lands in Dysteslegh held of the said John for term of years by the said Henry and Matilda. [41 & 42 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 31.]

42 Edw. 3. Belewe, Robert le, and John son of William de Crue, and Agnes his wife. Fine—tenements in Golburnekelewe. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

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42 Edw. 3. Dokenfeld, John de, and Richard de Venables, of Strethull, and Isabel his wife. Fine—tenements in Dokenfeld. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3 *d.*]

42 Edw. 3. Salbury, Henry de, and Margaret his wife, and Adam de Wyncostre and Agnes his wife. Fine—a fifth of the manor of Litelneston and Haregreve. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

42 Edw. 3. Venables, Thomas de, of Alvandelegh, and Margery his wife, against David son of William Oweyn and Margaret his wife. Dower of twenty-four messuages, one water-mill, two hundred acres of land, twenty acres of meadow, and four acres of pasture in Shokelacheonyot. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

42 Edw. 3. Danyers, John, and Peter del Shagh, John de Mascy, and Gilbert de Gropenhale, chaplain. Fine—manor of Gropenhale. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

42 Edw. 3. Lestraunge, Roger, of Knokyn, Kt., and William Forst and Cecilia his wife. Fine—common of pasture in Dunham near Boudon. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

42 Edw. 3. Forst, Thomas, chaplain, and William Forst and Cecilia his wife. Fine—six acres and a half of land, and a moiety of one messuage in Dunham near Boudon. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10.]

43 Edw. 3. Wylot, Thomas, and John Caton, parson of the church of Gouseworth. Fine—tenements in Buttelegh. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

43 Edw. 3. Snelleston, Alice who was the wife of William son of William de, against John son of William de Snellestone. Dower of eight messuages, a hundred acres of land, forty acres of turbary, six acres of wood, and 40*s.* rent in Snelleston, near Chelleford. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21. 43 & 44 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 6.]

43 Edw. 3. Whitemor, John de, junior, and Cecilia his wife, and Alice daughter of Hugh Hulcokessone, of Gildensutton. Fine—two messuages, four bovates of land, three acres of meadow and an eighth of a moiety of two hundred acres of pasture in Gildensutton. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25.]

43 Edw. 3. Fogge, Alice who was the wife of Robert, against Thomas Fogge, Kt. Dower of lands in Assheton near Kelshale, and Newton near Kyngeslagh. [43 & 44 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1, 4, 8.]

43 Edw. 3. Beston, Margaret who was the wife of William de, against John de Pulle and Alice his wife, and William son of Howel ap Oweyn Voyl and Elizabeth his wife. Dower of the manor of Buyrton near Aldelym. [43 & 44 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

43 Edw. 3. Tieu, Agnes who was the wife of Hugh le, against Ralph de Wevere and Cecilia his wife, William de Wevere and Matilda his wife, and William de Olton and Margery his wife. Dower of ten messuages, one water-mill, a hundred acres of land, six acres of meadow, six acres of wood, eight acres of moor, forty acres of pasture, 6*s.* 8*d.* rent in Warton near Bostok. [43 & 44 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2, 6.]

43 Edw. 3. Beston, Margaret who was the wife of William de, against Henry de Beston. Dower of sixty messuages, four water-mills, six hundred acres of land, ten acres of meadow, sixty acres of wood, and forty acres of pasture in Beston, Teverton, Takenhale, Tiddleston, and Alperham. [43 & 44 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

43 Edw. 3. Vernon, William de, and Beatrix his wife, against Randal de Stoke, junior. Dower of six messuages, one water-mill, a hundred and twenty acres of land, six acres of meadow, and forty acres of wood in Stoke near Hurdlestone. [43 & 44 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

43 Edw. 3. Thiknes, Richard son of Thomas, of Balterlegh, and William son of Ralph de Crue, and Margery his wife. Fine. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

43 Edw. 3. Perkyn, Ralph son of Ralph, and Nicholas Wildeboor, chaplain. Fine—59*s.* 4*d.* rent in Wich-Malbank. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

43 Edw. 3. Bulkylegh, William son of Richard de, "Scutifer noster." Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going to Gascony on the Earl's service. Dated 26 Feb., 43 Edw. 3. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

43 Edw. 3. Wynynton, Richard de. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going to Gascony on the Earl's service. Dated 26 Feb., 43 Edw. 3. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

43 Edw. 3. Tranemol, William de, "Scutifer noster." Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going to Gascony on the Earl's service. Dated 9 Feb., 43 Edw. 3. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

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43 Edw. 3. Swanebache, Thomas de, and Adam de Stanelegh and Katharine his wife. Fine—tenements in Aldelym. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16.]

43 Edw. 3. Venables, Hugh de, Kt., and John Colle, of Chester, and Agnes his wife. Fine — tenements in Middlewich, Kynderton, and Newton near Middlewich. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16 *d.*]

43 Edw. 3. Whitemore, John son of William de, junior, and Richard de Occleston, chaplain. Fine—three parts of the manor of Calday. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16 *d.*]

43 Edw. 3. Morton, Richard son of John de, and Henry de Tunstall and Alice his wife. Fine—tenements in Odderode. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16 *d.*]

43 Edw. 3. Fyton, Richard, Kt. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going to Gascony on the Earl's service. Dated 8 April, 43 Edw. 3. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18.]

43 Edw. 3. Griffyn, John. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going to Gascony on the Earl's service. Dated 27 Feb., 43 Edw. 3. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

43 Edw. 3. Holford, John de, and Alicia his wife, formerly wife of Hugh de Toft, against Roger son of Hugh de Toft. Dower of one messuage, thirty acres of land, three acres of meadow, and nine acres of pasture in Bexton. [42 & 43 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21, 25.]

44 Edw. 3. Hunte, Annabel who was the wife of William son of Hamo le, of Northerden, against Richard del Dene, William de Vaudrey, of Asshelegh, and Matilda his wife. Dower of three messuages, forty acres of land, two acres of meadow, and 2*s.* rent in Northerden. [43 & 44 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

44 Edw. 3. Griffith, Henry ap, Kt., and Joan his wife, formerly wife of John de Sutton of Duddlegh, Kt., against Thomas de Budenhale, parson of the church of Routhesthorn. Dower of a moiety of a fourth part of the manor of Malpas, in Malpas, Chircheshokelache, Caldecate, Barton, Yevel, Aggeton, Bradelegh near Malpas, Overfulwych, Netherfulwich, Newton near Malpas, Bikerton, Tussyncham, and Masefen, excepting one messuage, one mill, two carucates of land, and four acres of wood. [44 & 45 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2.]

44 Edw. 3. Forde, John del, and Nicholas le Mercer, chaplain, and Randal son of Randal de Sutton and Cecilia his wife. Fine—tenements in Leghton. [44 & 45 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

44 Edw. 3. Cir, William le, of Worleston, and Roger de Bromlegh and Letitia his wife. Fine—tenements in Worleston. [44 & 45 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

45 Edw. 3. Croxton, Warinus de, and Agnes his wife, formerly wife of John de Macclesfeld, against Geoffrey son of John del Holt. Dower of the manor of Stanelegh. [44 & 45 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10, 18.]

—— The same; the said Geoffrey vouches to warranty Randal de Hide. [44 & 45 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16.]

45 Edw. 3. Legh, Matilda who was the wife of Robert de, senior, against Robert de Legh. Dower of eight messuages, one toft, forty acres of land, and four acres of meadow in Northwich and Legh near Lymme. [44 & 45 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 10 *d.*]

44 Edw. 3. Hole, John de. Charter of, granting to David de Calvilegh a parcel of land in a field called "Weteleghesfeld." [44 & 45 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

45 Edw. 3. Eggerton, Mabel who was the wife of John de, against William son of William de Lauton and Margaret his wife, and Margery, who was the wife of David de Wiggelond. Dower. [44 & 45 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 11.]

44 Edw. 3. Fyton, Richard, Kt. Protection to, by the King, on his going abroad on the King's service in the retinue of Robert de Knolles, Kt. Dated 6 June, 44 Edw. 3. [44 & 45 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13.]

45 Edw. 3. Heth, Robert del, of Buyrton, and Adam le Cornyfer, of Eccleshale, and Alice his wife. Fine—one messuage and ten acres of land in Buyrton near Aldelym. [44 & 45 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14.]

45 Edw. 3. Bostok, William de, and John Shakelok and Ellen his wife. Fine—one messuage and twenty-eight acres of land in Bradewall. [44 & 45 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14 *d.*]

45 Edw. 3. Donne, Richard, of Utkynton. Inquisition, finding that the said Richard died on Monday next after the Feast of the Nativity of St. Mary, 43 Edw. 3., seised in fee-tail of the manor of Utkynton, held by Hugh de Venables of Kynderton by knight's service; that John Donne was son and heir of the said Richard, and 14 years of age on the death of his father; yearly value of the said manor 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; that the said

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Richard also died seised of a moiety of the manor of Clotton, by the law of England, after the death of Margery his wife, and that the said moiety was held of the Earl of Chester by knight's service; also of two parts of a seventh part of the town of Alperham, by the law of England, on the death of the said Margery, held of the Lord of Wetenhale by knight's service, yearly value eight marks; also of lands in Kyngeslegh, held of the Earl of Chester in capite by knight's service, yearly value 46*s.* 8*d.*; also in his demesne as of fee of lands and tenements in Torperlegh, held of Reginald de Grey, Kt., in soccage, yearly value 15*s.*; also of the bailiwick of the forest of Mara, held of the Earl of Chester in capite by grand serjeanty, yearly value 6*l.* [44 & 45 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 14 *d.*]

45 Edw. 3. Fyton, Richard, Kt. Protection to, by the King, on his going to Calais on the King's service in the retinue of Nicholas de Tamworth, captain of the said town. Dated 20 May, 45 Edw. 3. [44 & 45 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18.]

45 Edw. 3. Wynyngton, Richard de, Kt. Protection to, by Earl of Chester, on his going to Gascony on the Earl's service. Dated 7 Sept., 45 Edw. 3. [44 & 45 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 23.]

45 Edw. 3. Barbour, William, of Wich-Malbank. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going to Calais on the King's service in the retinue of Nicholas de Tamworth, captain of the said town. Dated 12 Dec., 45 Edw. 3. [45 & 46 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 9.]

46 Edw. 3. Delves, Henry de, and Robert Wodenote, of Shavynton, and Juliana his wife. Fine—a fifth part of eighteen messuages, one mill, one water-mill, a hundred and eighty acres of land, fourteen acres of meadow, a hundred acres of pasture, twenty acres of wood, sixty acres of heath, eighteen acres of moor, twelve acres of turbary, and 12*s.* rent in Hunsterton, Hatherton, Barkesford, Magna Stanthorn, and Bridesmere. [45 & 46 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

46 Edw. 3. Filkyn, Philip, and Jor ap ll' and Sibyl his wife. Fine—one messuage and twenty-four acres of land, two acres of meadow, and five acres of pasture in Caldecote. [45 & 46 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

46 Edw. 3. Alayn, Thomas, chaplain. Revocation of letters of protection. Dated 6 Feb., 46 Edw. 3. [45 & 46 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

46 Edw. 3. Foxlegh, Christiana who was the wife of Roger de, against Laurence son of Richard de Foxlegh. Dower of one messuage and four acres of land in Lymme; and against Agnes who was the wife of Richard de Foxlegh, dower of two acres of land in the same town. [45 & 46 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22. 47 & 48 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

46 Edw. 3. Davenport, John de, of Wheltrogh, senior, and John son of Edward de Warrenna, Kt. Fine—manors of Ponynton and Stokport and the advowson of the church of Stokport. [45 & 46 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 24.]

46 Edw. 3. Glede, Adam le, of Merton, and Matilda his wife, formerly wife of John de Henster, of Kerthyncham, against Nicholas de Erdelegh and Agnes his wife. Dower of one messuage and sixteen acres of land in Kerthyncham. [45 & 46 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25. 46 & 47 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

46 Edw. 3. Spurstowe, Joan who was the wife of Thomas de, against Randal de Spurstowe and Matilda his wife. Dower of four messuages, sixty acres of land, one acre of meadow, two acres of wood, and ten acres of pasture in Churchmunshull. [45 & 46 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25.]

46 Edw. 3. Claytford, Richard, of Middlewich. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going to North Wales on the Earl's service. Dated 31 July, 46 Edw. 3. [45 & 46 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25.]

46 Edw. 3. Henehull, Richard de, of Wich-Malbank. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going to North Wales on the Earl's service. Dated 20 July, 46 Edw. 3. [45 & 46 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 28.]

46 Edw. 3. Constantyne, William le, of Egge. Charter of, granting to John Dod, of Egge, eight acres of land in the town of Egge. [46 & 47 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1.]

46 Edw. 3. Lostok, Richard. Protection to, by Earl of Chester. [Record defective.] [46 & 47 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1.]

46 Edw. 3. Akedon, Margaret who was the wife of William de, against William Vaudray, of Knotesford. Dower of one messuage in Knotesford. [46 & 47 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2 *d.*]

—— The same; against Margery who was the wife of William le Braybayn, of Knotesford. Dower of one messuage in Knotesford. [46 & 47 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2 *d.*]

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46 Edw. 3. Foxlegh, Christiana who was the wife of Roger de, against Laurence son of Richard de Foxlegh. Dower of one messuage and four acres of land in Lymme, and against Agnes who was the wife of Richard de Foxlegh, dower of two acres of land in the same town. [46 & 47 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2 *d*, 9.]

46 Edw. 3. Boudon, Agnes who was the wife of John de, against William de Carynton, Kt. Dower of a moiety of two messuages, forty acres of land, two acres of meadow, and three acres of turbary in Carynton and Partynton. [46 & 47 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 4.]

46 Edw. 3. Aston, Cecilia who was the wife of Richard de, senior, against Richard son of Robert de Aston. Dower of the manor of Aston, thirteen messuages, seventy acres of land, eighty acres of waste, 40*s.* rent, and the rent of two barbed arrows and one pound of cinnamon, in Aston near Sutton, Liscark, Halton, and Netherwalton. [46 & 47 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8, 16.]

47 Edw. 3. Calvilegh, David de, and Eignon le Couper, of Aggeton, and Matilda his wife. Fine—four acres of land in Hole. [46 & 47 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18.]

47 Edw. 3. Maynwaryng, William le. Charter of, granting to Master Robert de Rowelegh and "Dominus" Roger de Damport, chaplain, all the lands, &c., which the said William had of the gift of Master Robert and Roger de Falibrome in Badilegh, Fadilegh, Burlond, and Brundelegh. [46 & 47 *Edw. m.* 19 *d.*]

46 Edw. 3. Barbour, William le. Protection to, by the King, on his going to Calais on the King's service with William de Gunthorp, treasurer. Dated Nov., 46 Edw. 3. [46 & 47 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.] [Record defective.]

47 Edw. 3. Massy, John, Kt. Exemption from serving on juries, &c. [46 & 47 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 21.]

46 Edw. 3. Fouleshurst, Robert de, Kt. Exemption from serving on juries. [46 & 47 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25.]

47 Edw. 3. Parker, John le, of Copenhale. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going abroad on the King's service in the retinue of Hugh de Calvylegh, Kt. Dated 28 August, 47 Edw. 3. [46 & 47 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 25.]

47 Edw. 3. Hassale, Robert de, and Cecilia his wife, and Robert Pike, chaplain. Fine—seven messuages, eighty acres of land, three acres of meadow, eight acres of pasture, and the rent of one pound of pepper, in Honkilowe. [46 & 47 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27.]

47 Edw. 3. Sydynton, Richard. Protection to, by the King, on his going abroad on the King's service in the retinue of Nicholas de Tomworth, Kt. Dated 25 June, 47 Edw. 3. [47 & 48 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3.]

47 Edw. 3. Ardene, Thomas de. Kt. Protection to, by the King, on his going abroad on the King's service in the train of Thomas de Bello Campo, Earl of Warwick. Dated 19 June, 47 Edw. 3. [47 & 48 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

47 Edw. 3. Danyers, Alicia who was the wife of John, Kt., against Thomas son of Thomas Danyers. Dower. [47 & 48 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

47 Edw. 3. Forde, Randulph del, vicar of the church of Sondebache, and Thomas de Hassale and Ellen his wife. Fine—three messuages, sixty acres of land, one acre of meadow, 1*d.* rent, and a moiety of twelve acres of pasture in Arclid. [47 & 48 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 8.]

47 Edw. 3. Werburge, St. Thomas de Newport, abbot of the monastery of. Charter of, creating and endowing a chantry to God, St. Mary, and St. Werburg, in the said monastery. [47 & 48 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 12.]

48 Edw. 3. Baret, Emma who was the wife of John, of Kelshale, against Alicia who was the wife of William Wylme, John le Brabayn and Margery his wife, and John del Flaxyordes and Margery his wife. Dower of one messuage and two bovates of land in Kelshale. [47 & 48 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 13, 17.]

1 Edw. 2. Elton, Thomas son of Thomas de. Charter of, quitclaiming, in favour of Robert de Elton, his brother, all right to lands in Elton near Ines, which the said Thomas, senior, had given to the said Robert. Dated 1 Edw. 2. [47 & 48 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 23.]

48 Edw. 3. Harper, William le, of Chirchemunshull. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, during his stay in the retinue of William Trussell, Kt., constable of the castle of Beaumarreys. [47 & 48 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 26 *d.*]

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48 Edw. 3. Warde, Ralph le, of Sprouston. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going to North Wales for the defence of the castle of Beaumarreys. Dated 10 Sept., 48 Edw. 3. [47 & 48 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27.]

48 Edw. 3. Mascy, Richard de, of Rixton. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going to North Wales for the defence of the castle of Beaumarreys. Dated 26 Aug., 48 Edw. 3. [47 & 48 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 28.]

48 & 49 Edw. 3. Dod, Henry, and Joan his wife, against William Davysone Balle. Dower—lands and tenements in Tussyncham. [48 & 49 *Edw.* 3. 1 *d*, 15.]

48 Edw. 3. Maynwaryng, William de. Protection to, by the King, on his going abroad on the King's service in the retinue of Edmund, Earl of Cambridge. Dated 27 Nov., 48 Edw. 3. [48 & 49 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3 *d.*]

48 Edw. 3. Danyers, Thomas, of Tabbelegh. Protection to, by the King, on his going abroad on the King's service in the retinue of Edmund Mortimer. Dated 2 Nov., 48 Edw. 3. [48 & 49 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 3 *d.*]

48 Edw. 3. Scot, Hugh, of Whitelegh. Protection to, by the King, on his going abroad on the King's service in the retinue of Edmund Mortimer, Earl of March. Dated 2 Nov., 48 Edw. 3. [48 & 49 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7.]

48 Edw. 3. Wylkesson, Roger, chaplain. Fine—thirteen messuages and one garden in Northwich and Wynynton. [48 & 49 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 19 *d.*]

49 Edw. 3. Wautersone, John, le Yonge, and Richard de Staundon, chaplain. Fine—one messuage, eighteen acres of land, and two acres of meadow in Acton. [48 & 49 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 22 *d.*]

49 Edw. 3. Leghton, Margery who was the wife of John de, against William de Tranemol. Dower. [48 & 49 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 26.]

49 Edw. 3. Chirchemunshull, Peter son of William son of William son of Philip de. Protection to, by the King, on his going to Calais in the train of John de Bureley, captain of that town. Dated 20 August, 49 Edw. 3. [48 & 49 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27.]

49 Edw. 3. Rybley, Thomas, and Agnes his wife, who was the wife of William Hichsone, against John Hichsone of Holes. Dower of one messuage and nine acres of land in Holes. [49 & 50 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 1, 8.]

49 Edw. 3. Eggerton, Urian de, and Matilda his wife, formerly wife of Richard Cholmondelegh, against William de Brerton, Kt. Dower of six messuages, eighty acres of land, six acres of meadow and a hundred acres of heath in Roghristelton, together with the custody of the land and heir of William de Cholmondelegh. [49 & 50 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 2 *d.*]

49 Edw. 3. Olton, John de, and John Tromwyn and Joan his wife. Fine—ten messuages, a hundred and sixty acres of land, and two acres of meadow in Wrennebury. The said John de Olton grants the above lands, &c., to the aforesaid John and Joan for life, with successive remainders, viz., to James son and heir of the same John and Joan, Isabel sister of the said James, and the heirs of their bodies, and, them failing, to Ralph de Olton for life, then to John de Olton and the heirs of his body, and, them failing, to John de Mascy and his heirs. [49 & 50 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 7 *d.*]

50 Edw. 3. Morton, Joan who was the wife of Thomas de, against John son of Robert de Bulkilegh, of Eyton. Dower. [49 & 50 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15.]

50 Edw. 3. Legh, Geoffrey son of John de, Kt., and Cecilia his wife, against John de Mascy, parson of the church of Asshton. Dower of one messuage, ten acres of land, and of two parts of a moiety of the manor of Assheton, in Assheton near Caryngton. [49 & 50 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 16.]

50 Edw. 3. Maynwaryng, William de. Protection to, by the Earl of Chester, on his going to Gascony on the King's service. Dated 8 January. [49 & 50 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 18.]

50 Edw. 3. Taillour, Thomas son of Thomas le, of Middlewich. Protection to, by the King, on his going to Calais on the King's service. [49 & 50 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 27. Record defective.]

50 Edw. 3. Leper, Cecilia who was the wife of Jordan le, and daughter and heir of Thomas son of Roger de Mottrum. Charter of, quitclaiming, in favour of Adam de Mottrum, his heirs and assigns, all right in any lands, tenements, &c., in Mottrum. [50 *Edw.* 3. and 1 *Ric.* 2. *m.* 2.]

50 Edw. 3. Wales, Joan, Princess of. Charter of the King, granting to the said Joan the lordship of Macclesfield, town of Middlewich, and manor of Frodesham, in the King's hands by the death of Edward Prince of Wales. [50 *Edw.* 3. and 1 *Ric.* 2. *m.* 3.]

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51 Edw. 3. Bulkelegh, William de, of Chedle. General pardon to, by Richard, Earl of Chester. Dated 24 Feb., 51 Edw. 3. [50 *Edw.* 3. and 1 *Ric.* 2. *m.* 8.]

51 Edw. 3. Trussell, William, of Cublesdon. Inquisition, on a petition from the said William for licence to purchase to himself and his heirs, of Thomas Bradeford, two hundred and fifteen acres of land and six and a half acres of meadow in Bruardeshalgh, Marleston, and Lache, a fishery in the Dee near Bruwardeshalgh, a pasture called Saltegres, common of pasture in the marshes of Salteneye, the serjeanty and issues of the east gate of the city of Chester, three marks annual rent to be received of the heirs of William de Pulford, a parcel of land in the said city, near the house which was formerly of William Orgayn, and which Edward 3., when Earl of Chester, granted to Henry de Bradeford and Robert his son, ancestors of the said Thomas, in exchange for certain lands and tenements in the forest of Mara, together with certain liberties granted by the said King to the said Henry and Robert within the same forest, viz., housebote and haybote, pannage for his demesne swine during mast time, freedom to grind his corn at his own mills of Chester, quit of multure, exemption from toll throughout the county of Chester, and of "Tolcester" at the castle of Chester; finding that one Henry de Bradford and Robert his son were seised of the lands, tenements, and privileges, as set forth in the petition, by charter of Edward 3.; that the same lands, &c., descended successively, on the death of the said Henry and Robert, to Robert son and heir of the same Robert, John his son and heir, Robert son and heir of John, Robert son and heir of Robert son of John, Ellen sister and heir of the last-mentioned Robert, and Thomas brother of the aforesaid Robert son of John, father of the said Ellen; that the said Thomas and his ancestors were accustomed to take at will within the said forest of Mara housebote and haybote, to build and repair their houses at the east gate of the city of Chester and their houses at Bruardeshalgh, Marleston, and Lache, and also to take fuel for their manor of Bruardeshalgh, and to be quit of toll, &c., as set forth in the petition. [50 *Edw.* 3. and 1 *Ric.* 2. *m.* 8.]

51 Edw. 3. Malpas, manor. Inquisition finding that a fourth part of the said manor, claimed by Walter de Cokesey, Kt., and Isabella his wife, who was the wife of John de Delves, Kt., was of the yearly value of 46*l.* [50 *Edw.* 3. and 1 *Ric.* 2. *m.* 10.]

51 Edw. 3. Dandy, Margery who was the wife of William, against Hugh Page. Dower of four messuages, three gardens, and thirty acres of land in Great Stanthorn and Middlewich. [50 *Edw.* 3. and 1 *Ric.* 2. *m.* 13.]

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No. 7.—Chronological List of Documents, prepared by Mr. Sanders, forming Part III. of the Book of Fac-similes of National Manuscripts, in process of being taken by Photozincography.

Mary and Elizabeth.

Mary.

I. Queen Mary. A signed bill for the appointment of Edward Baynarde as Sheriff of Wiltshire in the room of Sir William Sharington, Knight, deceased. July 6, 1553. [Original in Latin.]

II. The Lady Jane Grey. A signed bill for the appointment of Edward Benarde as Sheriff of Wiltshire in the room of Sir William Sharington, Knight, deceased. July 14, 1553. [Original in Latin.]

III. King Henry II. of France to Queen Mary. A letter of credence in favour of his Ambassador, the Sieur de Noailles, Master of the Royal Household, whom he has instructed to lay certain matters before Her Majesty. Compiègne, July 29, 1553. Signed by the King, and countersigned by Bernardin Bochetel, Bishop of Rennes, Secretary of State. [Original in French.]

IV. Queen Mary to her Ambassadors at the French Court, Dr. Wotton, Sir William Pickering and Sir Thomas Challoner, announcing Her Majesty's intention of very shortly despatching a special envoy to inform the French King of her accession to the throne of England, and commanding them in the meantime to remain at their post. Beaulieu, July 31, 1553. Signed by the Queen. [Original in English.]

V. Peter Vannes to Queen Mary. He finds it beyond the capability of speech to express the intense delight with which the joyful tidings of Her Majesty's accession have filled his mind; whereby he is so resuscitated out of the depth of despair into which the death of Her Majesty's brother, King Edward, had plunged him, that he now seems to have put on the new man. He compares the Queen to the "stone which the builders rejected," and anticipates the most auspicious results from her having been made the "chief stone of the corner." He knows not whether her divine breast retains any recollection of so vile an "homuncio" as himself, so he begs to remind Her Majesty that he has always been possessed with a vehement desire to serve her, and that he covets nothing more than to end his life in Her Majesty's service. Although no business of importance is before him at present, still he is engaged in preparing a full account of such as there is, to lay before the Council. Venice, August 13, 1553. Holograph. [Original in Latin.]

VI. Mary, Queen Regent of Flanders, to Queen Mary, explaining that the delay in the return to England of the English Ambassador, Sir Thomas Chamberlain, whom King Edward had recalled a few days before his death and replaced by Sir Philip Hobby, had arisen from his having been engaged in a suit pending before the Emperor; and expressing her sincere goodwill and affection for Her Majesty and her desire to maintain the good understanding which has always existed between Flanders and England. Brussels, August 17, 1553. Signed by the Queen. [Original in French.]

VII. Count Ludovico Rangone to Queen Mary. His grief at the death of King Henry VIII. had been increased by that of King Edward, but the news of Her Majesty's accession has assuaged his sorrow, and the loving devotion which he feels for her Sacred Crown induces him to send this letter in proof of the infinite pleasure he takes in Her Majesty's happiness. He begs to recommend his son Pallavicino to her royal notice. Udine in Friuli, August 25, 1553. Signed by the Count. [Original in Italian.]

VIII. Sir Thomas Cheyne, Thomas Thirlby, Bishop of Norwich, Sir Philip Hoby, and Sir Richard Morysine, the English Ambassadors at the Emperor's Court, to Queen Mary. Although they had not intended writing to Her Majesty before their return, yet their despatch not having arrived, they send a few lines to inform her that they have been detained in order, as they think, that the Queen Regent and the

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Emperor might by their feasting of them show how dearly they love Her Majesty. The day before, being St. Bartholomew's Day, they had dined with her Grace and had had "suche a dyner as we have seen few the like in all our lieves with such her Grace's kerving and interteinment to me, Sir Thomas Cheyne, as the greater could not be devised." The French Queen was placed first, then the Queen Regent, then Sir Thomas Cheyne, then the Bishop of Norwich, then Sir Philip Hoby, and last Sir Richard Morysine; all on one side of the table. The cheer was all that could be wished while dinner lasted, yet the Regent devised how the after-dinner entertainment should far exceed the dinner itself. Chairs were called for; the French Queen sat in the first with Sir Thomas by her side, then came the Queen Regent and the Bishop of Norwich, the Duchess of Lorraine and Sir Philip Hoby, and Sir Richard Morysine and Monsieur Molambees, Grand Master of the Household. This "sitting and deviseing" lasted above an hour, and the Ambassadors reserve an account of their conversation until their return. In the meantime they desire to acquaint Her Majesty with the rare and singular favours bestowed upon them for her sake if possible before the Emperor's Ambassadors shall have left her Court. Brussels, August 25, 1553. Signed by the Ambassadors. [Original in English.]

IX. Cosmo de Medici, Duke of Florence, to Queen Mary. The premature death of King Edward had troubled him exceedingly and he had mourned sincerely for his loss, but no sooner had the news of Her Majesty's accession reached him than he was possessed by such extreme gladness that he immediately returned thanks to God for having assuaged his sorrow by such means. He congratulates the Queen on such a direct manifestation of the Divine will in her favour, and promises her, on his part, everything that she can expect from her most submissive and devoted servant. Florence, September 1, 1553. Signed by the Duke. [Original in Latin.]

X. The Emperor Charles V. to Queen Mary. Being desirous of arranging certain matters touching the navigation of his dominions with Captain Cabot, formerly Pilot of the kingdom of Spain, to whom the Emperor had given leave to go to England some years before, he begs the Queen to allow the said Cabot to return to Spain for that purpose. Mons in Hainault, September 9, 1553. Signed by the Emperor and countersigned by Bavé, Secretary of State. [Original in French.]

XI. Mary, Duchess of Cleves, to Queen Mary. Congratulating her upon her accession, and begging her to impute any apparent delay in her having done so to diffidence and a natural feeling of shyness arising from their as yet imperfect mutual acquaintance. The Duchess begs Her Majesty to take her husband's sister, the Lady Anne of Cleves, and her affairs into her favour, and to give credence to all that Dr. Herman Cruser, the Duke's envoy, shall lay before her on the subject. The Castle of Cleves, September 19, 1553. Signed by the Duchess and countersigned by Lindeman. [Original in Latin.]

XII. King John III. of Portugal to Queen Mary. The news of Her Majesty's accession is a subject of congratulation to him on many accounts, to explain which he despatches Lorenzo Piz de Tavora, a member of his council, as his ambassador; and he prays the Queen to give credence to him and send word back by him of her health and the state of her affairs, which the great distance between them renders him very anxious to know. Lisbon, September 20, 1553. Signed by the King. [Original in Portuguese.]

XIII. King Sigismund Augustus of Poland to Queen Mary. In order the more clearly to testify by words the great joy he feels at the news of the Queen's accession, he despatches to Her Majesty's presence Thomas Stafford, grandson of the Most Noble Edward Stafford, late Duke of Buckingham, for that purpose. He prays the Queen to place unhesitating confidence in the said Stafford, of whom he speaks in the highest terms of praise, especially with regard to his cultivated and gracefully modest manners; and although the Duke well knows that Her Majesty needs no reminder of the singular services rendered to her and her Mother by the staunch loyalty both of Duke Edward, his son Henry, and the whole of that illustrious house, and that she will, now she has become mistress of the realm, omit nothing that shall tend to raise the family from the misery and poverty into which it has fallen, yet he cannot refrain from earnestly beseeching her to restore the dukedom to this young man, who has not degenerated from his grandfather's and father's loyalty, and who holds Her Majesty in the highest devotion. Cracow, October 1, 1553. Signed by the King. [Original in Latin.]

XIV. Lord Grey to Queen Mary. Since his letter to the Privy Council, acquainting them of the "levye and retyre" of the Imperial and French armies, and that the French King intended to return to France, leaving his army in quarters, and to reinforce strongly the garrisons on the frontiers of Picardy, intelligence has reached

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him that in accordance with this scheme three "enseignes" have been appointed to Ardres, three to Boulogne, two to Etaples, four to Montreuil, one to Crotoy, two to St. Valéry, six to Abbeville, 17 to Magny, and 15,000 men are to march to Renty, beyond St. Omer, to build a fort there. Knowing Her Majesty's liking for venison of the wild boar, he had sent her what he had killed, but had not had such good luck in his hunting, although he tried the places where the game was said most to abound, both on Imperial and French ground, as he could have wished for Her Majesty's sake. However, since that, another boar has fallen to his hands, which he sends her ready baked, being doubtful if it would carry so far unbaked. Calais, October 2, 1553. Signed by Lord Grey. [Original in English.]

XV. Dr. Wotton to Sir William Petre. He sends by the bearer the few books he wrote of and as soon as the plague has ceased in Paris he will go there and see if he can find some other that may be acceptable. There is no special news in France, but "as the hart panteth after the water springs," so doth his heart long for news from home. On the Sunday last past a Jew was solemnly christened in the King's presence, by the name of Catharinus, after the Queen his godmother, for godfather he had none. The Jew's father, a physician and learned in the Talmud, who has also been christened by the name Ludovicus Carettus, has written a little book in Hebrew, turned into Latin, a copy of which he will shortly send Sir William. He would have sent more but the printer is dead and no more can be had till his executors have settled his affairs. The new convert seems likely to prove a valiant champion of his new faith; but the sport was that when the Cardinal of Lorraine, who performed the ceremony, should have clothed him in his "robe of innocence," it was missing and could not be found for half an hour. "And some good fellawes "were there who saide he was no Jew at all, and that his name was Jehan de "Lion! Now whether it be so or not I know not, but yf they had made an "anabaptist of hym I wolde saye he wer a false Jew!" La Ferté Milon, October 26, 1553. Holograph. [Original in English.]

XVI. Dr. Wotton to Queen Mary. An Italian emissary from Cardinal Pole to the King of France, called the Abbé St. Saluz, has lately arrived at the French Court and given out that the Pope has made the said Cardinal his legate de latere to the Emperor and King Henry II., and after them to Her Majesty, in order to see if he cannot do more towards the reconciliation of the two former Princes than his predecessors have done. The Emperor is known to think very highly of the Cardinal, as is proved by the efforts made by the Imperial Cardinals, at the last vacancy of the Holy See, to have him made Pope; and the French King and his Council have a good opinion of him too, not, however, without a little shade of suspicion; so he is more likely to succeed than any other man, being also esteemed by many to be of an honest mind and virtuous life. As the Cardinal is expected to arrive in a few days and as Dr. Wotton's behaviour on the occasion is sure to be keenly noted, he prays that Her Majesty will send him instructions for his guidance; whether he shall visit the Cardinal, and, if so, what sort of demeanour he shall adopt for the occasion. The report in Paris is that the Prince of Salerno, Pietro Strozzi and the rest of the Italians at the Court are about to return home, why is uncertain, but in order probably to prevent any attempt being made at the recovery of Corsica before the French have had time to fortify themselves there, which they will easily be enabled to do during the winter. The Grand Master of Malta is dead and a Frenchman elected in his stead; the Spaniards and French having agreed that one of each nation shall be alternately appointed. News from Lyons states that the French Ambassador has made terms with the town for 90,000 crowns and that the King his master had taken up 400,000 francs at 14 per cent. at the last fair there; his debt at that time amounting to a million and a half of gold. The fort in progress of erection near Hesdin is stopped by the weather. Certain intelligence has reached the Italian Ambassadors that the Sofi's Ambassador is at Constantinople and had had an interview with the Sultan on the 20th of August, but that, notwithstanding this, the Sultan, with his youngest son and the four Pachas, had embarked for Aleppo to march against the Sofi during the spring. And that two Ambassadors from the King of the Romans had also arrived at Constantinople and had audience of the Sultan on the 25th of August. They also report that the Turkish armada which was off Corsica, had been seen in full sail for the Levant; so that it is time for the Genoese to bestir themselves if they intend to do any good in Corsica. La Ferté Milon, October 26th, 1553. Holograph. [Original in English.]

XVII. Ferdinand, King of the Romans, to Queen Mary, interceding with Her Majesty on behalf of Lawrence Fensol, a citizen of Dantzic and an honest, trustworthy, and diligent man, who has been reduced to almost extreme poverty through

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the dishonest dealing of some of her subjects. Vienna, October 29, 1553. Signed by the King. [Original in Latin.]

XVIII. Catherine, Queen of Poland, to Queen Mary. Having previously written to congratulate Her Majesty upon her accession, she now repeats her congratulations upon her coronation, and expresses the great sympathy which relationship and a similarity of disposition causes her to feel in Her Majesty's happiness. Neiss, November 4, 1553. Signed by Queen Catherine. [Original in Latin.]

XIX. Otho, Duke of Brunswick, to Queen Mary. His mind afflicted with sorrow for the death of King Edward is now filled with great joy at the news of Her Majesty's accession. Triumphant without bloodshed, he cannot but regard it as the distinct work of the Almighty's hand, and he prays that it may redound to the prosperity and happiness of the whole realm of England. He has instructed his Legate, Florencio à Diaceto, to explain his sentiments, and certain other matters, personally to Her Majesty. Castle of Harburgh, December 11, 1553. Signed by the Duke. [Original in Latin.]

XX. Lord William Howard to the Privy Council. On his arrival at Canterbury on Thursday he had met the Count of Egmont and the rest of the Emperor's Ambassadors, and told them that a lodging was prepared for them all four in London; but inasmuch as the Count had explained to him at supper that one house was altogether insufficient for them, there being a great many gentlemen in his own train, many of them the Emperor's servants and of great estimation, and a still greater number in that of Monsieur Daylayne, he thinks their Lordships had better order two additional houses to be got ready, one for Monsieur Daylayne, and the other for Monsieur Courryères and the Chancellor. Canterbury, December 28, 1553. Signed by Howard. [Original in English.]

XXI. Dr. Wotton to Secretary Sir William Petre. He thanks him very much for his promotion, but regrets that Sir William has forgotten to tell him what his new title is to be, whether "Yellow Cross," or "Green Mantle," or "Obscurentius," or what other, "for that wolde have sette me well furthe pardy!" Seeing, however, that Sir William has made him a herald, though he has poured no bowl of wine over his head, he wishes to show his cunning, and so sends him a declaration of certain degrees of consanguinity and affinity existing between the Queen and the Prince of Spain. But at the same time, bearing in mind an oft repeated saying of his "fellawe," Will Sommer—"God keepe hym warme where so ever he "be"—that he would abide by nothing that he said, he distinctly refuses to maintain the truth of this or anything else he may say concerning "petigrewes," but refers the question to better masters of the craft than himself. True or not, he advises Sir William to consider the matter, and also, if the Queen had ever been "ensured" to any one within the fourth degree of the Prince, or *vice versâ* with regard to the Prince, because although this is not considered a very material point in England, it is so abroad, and great dangers might arise if the marriage were hereafter declared to be not a good one on this account. As to Sir William's wish that he would raise still further doubts on the marriage, he begs to remind him of the old saying, "He who knows nothing suspects nobody," and as he knows nothing of Sir William's treaties, how is it possible for him to suspect them? In fact he never should have entertained the few doubts he mentions had he not learnt from "my Lords" that some communication had been made with respect to the marriage, and heard a report that the Emperor had offered the Queen the Low Countries. As he understands that the preacher's rooms at Canterbury are vacant, he trusts that "yow courtiers" are not going to take the gift of them from him, to whom it belongs, and so entitle the Queen to it, "by a thinge called the Kinges prerogative, "who is cosyn germain to the premynere, for no manne lyvynge knoweth neyther "tone nor tother." As he is quite sure that he shall "never heere no newes "from yow, my Maisters," he sends them some, which is, that report runs that the Emperor requires a great many hostages for the Prince's safety while in England. He doesn't know if this be true or not, but it has given rise to much mad talk, sounding not much to the honesty of poor England! Paris, January 26, 1553.

In a postscript, Dr. Wotton ruminates upon a sickness into which he has fallen, with very little occasion to his knowledge. This, and the prospect of a war with France on account of the marriage, render him desirous of returning home, so he begs Sir William to send him word by the next post whether there is any hope of his being recalled, and about what time. Holograph. [Original in English.]

XXII. Cosmo, Duke of Florence, to Queen Mary. When, a few months before, he had written to congratulate Her Majesty on that "astonishing and eminent instance

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" of Divine Providence," her accession, he could hardly imagine that fortune had still further gifts in store for her. Yet now behold he hears that Heaven has offered her a consort in the person of the King of Spain, the son of the Mighty Augustus! At this message, descended as it were from the skies, he is so completely overpowered with exultation that he can only send Her Majesty all the congratulations that the mind can conceive. As a proof of the high honour in which he has always held her consort and the Emperor, he details the services rendered by himself to the Imperial forces during the siege of Sienna, having among other acts moved up an army to the very walls of the city under command of Duke John James Medici, the Marquis of Marignano, who will omit no efforts to bring the Siennese to their duty. He merely mentions this incidentally to show the depth of his devotion to the Emperor and the warmth of his felicitations on Her Majesty's marriage with his son, and promises to prove his words by deeds as soon as he has an opportunity. Florence, February 9, 1553–4. Signed by the Duke. [Original in Latin.]

XXIII. Angelo Mariano to Queen Mary. When he heard of Her Majesty's accession he felt the most entire satisfaction a man can feel and wrote to congratulate her thereupon, if not as much as he ought at least as much as he could, hoping to be able shortly to perform in person that which he now does by letter. Evil times have however prevented this and he must content himself with praying that God will exalt her still more, if more be possible. In conjunction with these his prayers, he trusts Her Majesty will not take it amiss if he begs her so far to favour him as to cause to be paid to him the pension granted him by her father, King Henry the Eighth. La Costa, February 16, 1554. Signed by Mariano. [Original in Italian.]

XXIV. William, Duke of Cleves, to Queen Mary. He is most grateful for Her Majesty's kindness to his sister the Lady Anne, her munificent treatment of his envoy, Dr. Herman Cruser, on the occasion of her coronation, and the kind expression of her feeling towards his wife the duchess, of all persons the most everlastingly dear to him. He again despatches Dr. Cruser to England to break the sad news of the death of his sister Sybyl, the Duke of Saxony's wife, and to offer Christian consolation to the Lady Anne, whom he commends to the continued good graces of Her Majesty. Cleves, March 14. Signed by the Duke. [Original in Latin.]

XXV. The Princess Elizabeth to Queen Mary. She conjures the Queen by the old saying that "a king's word is more than another man's oath," to remember her promise and not condemn her without proof, as it seems is likely to befal her from her having been sent to the Tower, "a place more wonted for a false "traitor than a true subject." She prays God that she may die the most shameful death that ever man died if she be deserving of suspicion, and calls God to witness that she never either practised, counselled or consented to anything dangerous to the Queen's person or prejudicial to the State. She therefore beseeches Her Majesty to grant her a personal interview before she is sent to the Tower and condemned in the eyes of all men ere her deserts be known, and not let her be cast away undeservedly, as she has heard in her time many have been for want of coming to the presence of their Prince! As in late days she had heard the Duke of Somerset say that if his brother had been suffered to speak with him he would never have been executed, but that so great persuasion had been made to him that he had been brought to believe his own life in danger while the Admiral lived. And though these persons are not to be compared to Her Majesty, yet she prays the Queen not to let evil persuasions persuade one sister against the other. As for the traitor Wyat he might perhaps have written to her, but on her faith she never received any letter from him, and as for the copy of her letter to the French King, she prays that God may confound her eternally if she ever sent him word, message, token, or letter by any means. No date. Holograph. March 16, 1553–4. [Original in English.]

XXVI. The Duchess of Medina Sidonia to Queen Mary. The obligations which have hitherto bound her to Her Majesty's service are doubled now that the Queen is about to be married to the King of Spain. She prays God that they may live many years happily together and that she may shortly behold the fruit and marked effect of this harmonious union. The Count of Olivares will kiss Her Majesty's hands and express in person the Duchess' congratulations. San Lucar, April 20, 1554. Signed by the Duchess. [Original in Spanish.]

XXVII. Sir John Masone to Queen Mary. The Bishop of Norwich, in quitting the embassy, has left behind him a feeling of universal satisfaction at his dealing among the whole Court, from the highest to the lowest. The Queen will learn

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from him the Emperor's condition and also what conversations have been held with Cardinal Pole, whose zeal is such that Sir John thinks there is not a better English heart in all the realm or one who prays more heartily for its prosperity. As an instance of this the Cardinal had quitted the French Court, where he had intended to have stayed at least until he could have certified the Emperor what he had done there, because he saw that it was the continual resort of rebels, whom the King, in spite of the Cardinal's remonstrances, would not be minded to expel the kingdom. If things were as the Cardinal wished, Her Majesty should govern in a blessed estate, in communication whereof he always prayeth ripe, temperate, and modest proceedings. He wishes all in England knew him as well as the Bishop and himself do, and had that opinion of him that all Christendom hath! The Queen is likely very shortly to have a resort of high Nobles and Ambassadors from many great States, for whose entertainment she will doubtless provide in a manner redounding to the honour of the English Court. Brussels, May 5, 1554. Signed by Masone. [Original in English.]

XXVIII. Lord Wentworth to Queen Mary. He had received the Queen's letter of the 10th instant touching the coming of the Duke of Savoy to the English Court, and hopes to entertain him as well at all points as shall be to Her Majesty's honour. But as to the Duke's passage across the channel, he informs the Queen that certain French ships well-manned lie hovering between Dover and Calais, so that unless the Queen sends some of her own ships to "waft him over" he cannot be answerable for his safety. The Bishop of Norwich will explain matters more fully to Her Majesty. Calais, May 14, 1554. Signed by Lord Wentworth. [Original in English.]

XXIX. The Earl of Bedford and Viscount Fitzwalter to the Privy Council. Since their last letter to their Lordships they had received another from the Prince of Spain, a copy whereof is enclosed. The Marquis of Sara, who brought the letter, arrived at Betanzos, where they then were, on the 20th of May, having been delayed by a fall from his horse, whereby he hurt his leg. On his arrival he entertained them most hospitably, and to give them the more pleasure took them to a house of his near Betanzos, where he feasted them and showed them all the pastimes he could, as well in hunting as otherwise. He is a man of great importance and large possessions in Gallicia, and is to go on an embassy from the Emperor to Rome after having attended the Prince into England. On the 30th of May they arrived at St. James's, where they mean to remain till the Prince's arrival, which they expect will be about the 15th instant, as he had left Salamanca on the 28th of May. From thence he had gone to a house of the Duke of Alva called "La "Abbacia" and so to Samora, where he is to be entertained by the Duke until the 6th instant, when he intends to arrive at Buonaventura, where he is expected to stay some time, great preparations having been made for his reception by the Count of Buonaventura. From thence the Prince goes to Asturgo, 10 leagues, and the next day to Ponteferado, 15 leagues, thence to Villafranca, five leagues, where the Marquis of Villafranca is to receive him for one day. From Villafranca with all speed to St. James's, 40 leagues, where he will stay about two days, and so to the Groyne, from whence the first fair wind will carry him to England. Their Lordships are also to know that the Prince's ships expected from Andaluzia are already at the Groyne as well as most of those from Biscay; in all about 100 tall ships well armed and manned. A schedule of the names of the nobles in attendance on the Prince is said to be enclosed. St. James, June 5, 1554.

In a postscript their Lordships are advised, as the Prince is "wont to be "vearye sicke" at sea and as the seas he will have to encounter in his passage to England are much worse than those he has had experience of in the Levant, to take means to permit of his landing at Plymouth or some other seaport, supposing they are unable to bring him as far as Southampton where everything is prepared for his reception.

XXX. The Burgomaster and Magistrates of Dantzic to Queen Mary. In spite of a proclamation issued by them some time back, forbidding any one under a heavy penalty to publish in any place or affix to any doors libellous pamphlets or verses against any power, estate, or dignity whatsoever, they hear with great regret that a most offensive and insolent lampoon has been issued against Her Majesty within their jurisdiction. They have therefore had the printer before them, who confessed that it had been struck off from his type at the instigation of an Englishman named William Hotson, by whom he had been furnished with a form according to which it was to be printed, and who had promised to bear him harmless from any evil consequences that might arise from its publication. Hotson having acknowledged this to be true, both he and the printer have been committed to prison, and if any

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accomplices can be discovered they also shall be committed. In the meantime they request that Her Majesty will appoint some one to prosecute the offenders, who shall be detained until such appointment be made. Dantzic, July 17, 1554. [Original in Latin.]

XXXI. Maximilian, King of Bohemia, to Queen Mary. A letter of credence in favour of Don Perolasso of Castille, whom he has instructed to confer with the Queen touching the elevation of the right reverend nuncio resident at his court to the cardinalate. He begs Her Majesty to write to the Cardinals of Naples, Carpi and Santiago desiring them to propose that at the next election of cardinals the nuncio be admitted to the college. Vienna, August 23, 1554. Signed by the King. [Original in Spanish.]

XXXII. The Duke of Amalfi to Queen Mary. A letter of credence in favour of the bearer who will deliver the congratulations, which the Duke is prevented offering in person by occupation in Her Majesty's service in Naples. Naples, September 25, 1554. Signed by the Duke. [Original in Italian.]

XXXIII. Albert, Marquis of Brandenburg, to Queen Mary, congratulating Her Majesty upon her marriage with the Prince of Spain. He has received her letter of thanks for the falcons he sent her last year, an honour all the more gratifying as it was unlooked for, and as the gift has been so well accepted he sends eight more falcons, which he begs Her Majesty to view with a favourable eye, and consider the will of the giver rather than the insignificance of the gift, for he is unable to send a larger number, the take having been very small this year, owing to the great quantity of rain. He returns thanks for the Queen's expression of goodwill, and begs to be commended to the notice of the Prince her consort. Kœnigsberg, October 15, 1554. Signed by the Marquis. [Original in Latin.]

XXXIV. Otho Truchses, Cardinal of Augsburg, to Queen Mary. He cannot for his life cease wondering at the greatness of Her Majesty, who like a brilliant sun has dispersed the shadows of darkness, and whose intrepid, grand, and majestic courage has overcome, not only human enterprises, but those also which are beyond the nature and condition of mankind—the Devil's! This fact appears so marvellous and notable to him that he has in vain searched all the chronicles of the most famous deeds of old to find its parallel, either in the magnitude of its object or its value. If, therefore, those heavenly deities who enjoy everlasting life, are filled with exceeding joy over one repentant sinner how must they not only rejoice but exult in admiration over a kingdom out of which they perceive that so many will attain to life eternal. What, therefore, ought he to do who eagerly seeks to travel along that heavenly path? Assuredly, as long as he lives, he will declare his gratitude to Her Majesty and his admiration of the English people, whose all-important aim is the advancement of religion, and whose example, if followed by other Christian Princes, would tend to the welfare of Christendom. Dilingen, December 18, 1554. Signed by the Cardinal. [Original in Latin.]

XXXV. Bona, Queen Dowager of Poland, to Queen Mary. The relation given her by her Ambassador, John Laurentio Pappacoda, of the happiness of Her Majesty and her beloved consort has afforded her great pleasure, nor was she less pleased by the news of the Emperor having made over the kingdom of Naples and the duchy of Milan to the King. She sends to King Philip Camillo Brancati, a Neapolitan noble, as her envoy, to request that he will confirm her rights and privileges in the Neapolitan kingdom, and begs Her Majesty to use her influence as a wife in support of her request. Warsaw, December 21, 1554. Signed by Queen Bona. [Original in Latin.]

XXXVI. The Count of Montorio to Queen Mary. It having pleased God to elevate to the Pontificate his uncle the Cardinal of Naples, now Pope Paul the Fourth, he begs to offer his services to the Queen, both because he has great influence with the Pope, and because Her Majesty may rest assured of obtaining whatever she may desire from the power and assistance of his Holiness. Rome, May 24, 1555. Signed by the Count. [Original in Italian.]

XXXVII. Queen Mary to Pope Paul IV. Feeling strongly assured of the Pope's interest in her welfare, Her Majesty begs to inform his Holiness that after an easy labour God has been pleased to bless her with the son she has so earnestly wished for; and she desires him to offer up his pious prayers for this benefit vouchsafed unto her. Hampton Court, ——— 1555. Signed by the Queen, and countersigned by Roger Ascham. [Original in Latin.]

XXXVIII. Queen Mary to King Henry II. of France, begging him to grant a passport across the frontiers to the bearer, Richard Shelley, Gentleman of the Household and one of her Esquire Carvers, whom Her Majesty has despatched to inform the King and Queen of Portugal and the Regent of Spain of the same joyful event

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of which she has already advised His Majesty by the Viscount Fitzwalter, namely, that she has been safely brought to bed of a ———. Hampton Court, the ——— of ——— 1555. Signed by the Queen. [Original in French.] Blanks are left in the original for the date and the sex of the infant, which only existed in anticipation.

XXXIX. The Lords of the Council to Dr. Wotton, desiring him to procure a passport from the French King for Richard Shelly, Esquire, whom Her Majesty has despatched to the Regent of Spain and the King and Queen of Portugal with the news of her happy delivery. Hampton Court, the ——— of ——— 1555. Signed by Stephen [Gardiner], Bishop of Winchester, Chancellor, the Marquis of Winchester, the Earl of Arundel, William Lord Howard of Effingham, William Lord Paget, Sir John Gage, Sir Robert Rochester, Sir William Petre, and Sir Edward Waldegrave. [Original in English.]

XL. Sir Philip Hoby to Sir John Masone. Although he has had no letter from Sir John since his last of the 5th of May, he imputes his silence rather to preoccupation by more weighty affairs than lack of goodwill. His letter, besides giving life to them that lie slumbering from the despatch of one post to the arrival of another, has served to extinguish many false rumours bruited abroad by the French Ambassador, who is now in Padua for the recovery of his health, concerning the Queen's Highness. These were to the effect that Her Majesty was delivered of a "mole or lompe of fleshe" and was in great danger of death. And shortly after this report the Ambassador, "refreshing his former invencions," affirmed that Her Majesty was dead and all the ports of England closed; all which fond and fantastical inventions, unworthy such an ambassador, yea, even of a worse one than Beau Daulphin, were not only extremely offensive to the Queen's loyal subjects but were absolutely credited all over Padua. They have, as in duty bound, done their utmost to contradict them, but the absence of advice from England and the weight given to such assertions by their emanating from so high an authority as that of an ambassador, to which simple people often attach more importance than it deserves, caused them to be generally believed and altogether lamented. But God, in whom they had always trusted and who had delivered them out of worse straits, had again provided for them when they least expected, and Sir John's last letter had enabled them authoritatively to deny the truth of those scandals, to the great shame and ignominy of those who promulgated them. "Thus may we see what good a letter "may do in staieing such fonnde rumours as are dayly invented by our ancient "enemies." He therefore begs that Sir John's secretary will sometimes take pen in hand and furnish him with news from home. He wishes success to the Lord Cardinal, the Chancellor, and the Lords Arundel and Paget in their mission to treat for peace, and hopes that the goodness and clemency of the Cardinal, which seem as yet to have taken little root in England, will after his return bring forth much better fruit than they have hitherto done. Having little to do now that the late reports have been assuaged, they attend chiefly to defending themselves from the great heat as well as they can. Mr. Cheke is better and they trust to visit Sir John together in Brussels after the summer is past. He himself intends leaving Padua for the baths about the end of the month, but has given orders for the forwarding of any letters that Sir John may write to him. Padua, June 6, 1555. Sir Philip Hoby's signature and the whole of the latter portion of this letter, from the paragraph between inverted commas remarking on the value of timely intelligence, has been scored over in ink, said to be by Masone. [Original in English.]

XLI. The Emperor Charles V. to Queen Mary, returning thanks for her letters of condolence, sent by Sir George Howard, upon the death of his mother the Queen of Spain. Her Majesty may imagine how heavily this loss oppresses him. But, in the firm hope that his mother is gone from this world into the kingdom of Heaven, the Emperor puts his trust in God. Brussels, June 8, 1555. Signed by the Emperor. [Original in French.]

XLII. Eleanor, Queen Dowager of France, to Queen Mary. The bearer, one of the Esquire Carvers of her nephew the King, has delivered the Queen's letters of condolence upon the death of her mother the Queen [Joan], and as it has pleased God to take her to Himself they must bow to the Divine will. She hopes to hear shortly of Her Majesty's delivery. Brussels, June 9, 1555. Signed by Queen Eleanor, and countersigned by De la Mouthe. [Original in French.]

XLIII. Thomas Gresham to Queen Mary. By his letter of the 12th instant he had informed the Queen of the good health of the King, who is still remaining in Antwerp. His Majesty's return home is as yet uncertain, but he hopes that it will take place soon after the Congress of the States and Nobles of Flanders which is appointed to assemble on the 1st proximo for settling the affairs of the kingdom.

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He informs Her Majesty that he has renewed the loan of 40,000*l.* for six months longer, and in obedience to Her Majesty's commands for an additional 30,000*l.* has raised 15,000*l.* from Arte Van Dalle at seven per cent. for six months; for which he has been obliged to give a separate bond. Her Majesty's creditors in Flanders are much pleased with this arrangement. He has written in the plainest terms to the Council, stating his inability to raise any more money in Antwerp; so that the remaining 30,000*l.* had better at once be employed in full payment of the Queen's other creditors, which will greatly advance the royal honour and credit. He has no other cause to "molest" Her Majesty; but he beseeches her to favour her merchants, especially in the matter of the Steelyard, which is the greatest resource she has to look to for the wealth of England. Antwerp, February 24, 1555–6. Holograph. [Original in English.]

XLIV. Dr. Wotton to Sir William Petre. On Midsummer Eve the French King had ordered the Ambassadors to be present at the Court the next day to witness the presentation of a sword sent to His Majesty by the Pope; but immediately on their arrival there the French Queen was delivered of a daughter and expected to be delivered of a second, which was brought into the world, still-born, at 8 o'clock in the evening. In consequence therefore of the very dangerous condition of Her Majesty, and the King's constant attendance upon her, the ceremony of the sword was postponed. On the next day they were again summoned, and mass having been performed by the Legate Caraffa the King received the sword kneeling, the Legate reading all he had to say out of a book. The Pope had also sent the Queen a rose. Caraffa had appointed Midsummer Day for an audience with Dr. Wotton, whose tale unto him was of general matters. He told him of the great reverence and affection entertained by the King and Queen for the Apostolic See, and his own great desire to pay his respects to the Legate and congratulate him on the great benefit likely to accrue to Christendom through his means. The Legate acknowledged both their Majesties' attachment to the Holy See and spoke in especially high terms of praise of the Queen's devotion. His own mission was for two purposes, one to treat of a peace to which he had found the Kings very well disposed, the other for the summoning of a General Œcumenic Council, to be held at Rome, as the Pope, who wished to be present, was too aged to travel. Dr. Wotton told him these were indeed two great points and that the Pope had answered all the expectations that had been formed from his virtuous holy life before he had been called to his present supreme dignity; that he rejoiced at the King's wish for peace, and hoped to see one concluded before the holding of the Council, which otherwise would be comparatively ineffective. The Legate agreed in this, and earnestly hoped the two Princes would, for the honour of God and the quiet of Christendom, reconcile their differences; adding that no more proper judge between them could be found than the Pope, who held both swords, and who had often deprived Emperors and Kings when they were disobedient and refused to stand by his determinations. As for the Council, although former Popes had always been averse to calling General Councils because some of them have been deprived by them, yet His Holiness fearing no such result in his case, is determined to hold one with a view to the extirpation of heresy and the reformation of men's lives, especially those of the spirituality. Such was the purport of their conversation. The Legate is now departed for Paris, and on his return will stand sponsor to the infant Princess for her godfather the Pope. The saying is, that the French King has paid the Legate 10,000 crowns a year in benefices since his coming. After the presentation of the sword the Ambassadors dined with the Constable, who after conversing aside with the Imperial Envoy, called first the Admiral and then Dr. Wotton to their counsel, the subject of which was the conduct of the Kyllegrewes whom the Emperor's Ambassador accused of taking a Spanish ship, and the Constable stigmatized as pirates, alleging that the King had forbidden them to land with any prizes taken from the Spanish or English, and that they had sold some in Guernsey. Dr. Wotton, not knowing the drift of these remarks, answered that the Kyllygrewes were indeed pirates and had long been known to be such, for the King had granted his predecessor, Sir William Pykeringe, letters for their arrest, and that it was therefore very strange that they had been suffered to leave the French ports, armed, without taking the precautions required by the treaty. The Constable acknowledged the force of this observation, but denied that the French King was privy to their doings, adding that certain English pirates had lately robbed a Frenchman at sea. "Yea mary," quod Monsieur l'Admiral to me, "I sent you a remembrance of it at Paris." "You "did so indeede," quod I, "the which I sent within two or three dayes after to the "Queene's Highnesse." "Well," quod the Constable, "such things will chaunce now

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" 'and then; but the remedye thereof must be that thoffenders be punished and " 'justice mynistrid to them that have susteynid the wronges.' 'Yea, marye,' quod " 'I, this wer the remedye to be usid in deede!' The Constable saide the Kinge " meant none otherwyse for his parte. And so lefte us, and entrid into communica- " cion with other Ambassadours." Dr. Wotton understands that all strangers are forbidden to be supplied with post-horses without a special licence, and that the hire of them has risen to the exorbitant sum of 40 francs at the least, some say a Crown of the Sun, and advises that a similar course be adopted in England by way of retaliation. Although the Ambassador Noailles has been at Court some time, yet his brother, the Prothonatory, seems to be making no preparations for his journey to England, which Dr. Wotton doesn't know what to think of. And although the Legate gives out that he is come for a peace, yet it seems that his real errand is to conclude the treaty for which the Cardinal of Lorraine went to Rome, between the Pope, the French King, and the Duke of Ferrara, wherein, among other things, it was stipulated that the French King should undertake the protection of the Duchy of Paliano, as he has done indeed. The said Duchy formerly belonged to Marc Antonio Columna, from whom it was forcibly taken by Pope Paul III., who gave it to Caraffa's brother, and was about to fortify its chief towns,—an act the Imperialists declare to be contrary to the treaty, as indeed are the whole proceedings of both Pope and King with regard to this Duchy; and news has arrived that they are in arms to recover it. At this intelligence Caraffa is in very great haste to be gone, so the infant Princess is to be christened immediately, for the Cardinal having been a soldier delighteth more in war than in peace. The Abbot of St. Saluz is still constantly with the Cardinal, and intends leaving with him. He appears well affected towards England, but in other matters rather more French than Spanish. He remarked three or four days back to the Emperor's Ambassador, "I ween we shall lese therle of Devonshire." A French gentleman has lately arrived from Scotland, and had not met with quite so gracious a reception from Queen Mary and the Cardinal on his return through England as had been accorded him on his way out; and report says that soldiers are to be sent to Scotland, from whence a large force has only just been withdrawn. Henry Killigrew is returned, and has been three or four days at the Court, and one night said to Captain Crayer among other things: "I know as moche of therle of " Devonsheres mynd as an other, and he *will be* here at the Courte very shortely, " and trusteth well that you will take parte with hym." Captain Crayer also avers that he has been told by other rebels that whenever they choose to attempt any enterprise against England they will be well received at Harwich and Yarmouth, and well supplied with victuals at the former town, which has the privilege of taking up provisions for Calais. They have also a great friend at Yarmouth in the bailiff, whom Dr. Wotton therefore recommends shall be examined. Crayer also says that the Lord Deputy will rather deliver Calais to the French King, if he will help the rebels, than to King Philip, and promises to keep Wotton informed as to the rebels' proceedings. And Wotton perceives that, although he has a pension of 300 crowns a year and little less in land besides, he would not remain much longer in France if he were assured of a meaner living in England. He has just received Sir William's letter of the 24th of June. Upon Henry Killigrew's return he had despatched Somer to Paris to see if Gower had anything to say; but Gower informs him that either Killigrewe had as yet said nothing to the rebels in Paris, or else that they keep things very dark. Killigrewe wanted them to join the rest in Paris; but Gower, partly for want of money and partly out of fear of doing so unbidden, remained in Paris, where he took occasion to say to the eldest Tremaine before his departure: "Well, maisters, I perceive I maye not " be privy to your matters; wherefore seeing you suspecte me, I will not trouble " you no longer." "I pray you," replied Tremayne, "thinke not so, for I assure " you therle of Devonshere maketh as great accompte of you as of any manne " here, and he will be here shortely; and whene I returne from Roane you shal know " all that I can lerne there." Gower has no money, and doesn't know what on earth to do unless Queen Mary give him some; so if he is to be used, this must be considered. Wotton has twice or thrice spoken to the Prothonatory Noailles and the late Ambassador himself, but still no mention of his going to England; but on the contrary it seems likely that the Ambassador already there will be retained. The report of Pourdillon's projected mission to Scotland arose when it was expected that King Philip would take an army into England; but such not being the case he is now gone to Champagne, where the Imperialists and French dispute the possession of a town. The French soldiers returned from Scotland, in number about 500, are ordered to Piedmont. Report goes that the Duke of

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Guise is to go to Italy as the French King's Lieutenant, which makes him suspect some plot against Naples; as some one of the House of Anjou has always been employed wherever such a scheme was on foot, on account of the Angevin's pretended right to Naples, where they have also many friends. Ryfynberg is sent into Germany to raise troops; so war may again be looked for. The French are wont to be always beforehand, and he fears that will be the case now, if King Philip suffers them; for as for defiances they are long ago forgotten in France, as may appear by any war they have begun these many years past. He sends Sir William a letter of Gower's, but under a feigned name, whereby he may perceive the state he is in. Paris, July 13, 1556. Holograph. [Original in English, the greater portion in cipher.]

XLV. Signed bill by Queen Mary. Whereas trustworthy intelligence has been received that Dudley and other unnatural traitors against her are not only openly received, but rewarded, by the French Court; and whereas these traitors cease not to continue their devilish practices and devices, using in all places such dishonest talks and railings that no honest ear may well endure to hear of even any private person; and considering the fair words hitherto used by the French King and the Constable, Her Majesty cannot but esteem this harbouring of them as very strange. She therefore commands Dr. Wotton, when he next has access to the French King or an opportunity of talk with the Constable, to express her astonishment at their behaviour, and declare unto them how dishonourable it is, and what an evil example to other Princes, to encourage such sedition. And of such answer as he shall receive he is to advertise Her Majesty, noting their manner, and mentioning any clue which he may gather as to their meaning. St. James, December, 1556. [Original in English.]

XLVI. Dr. Wotton to Sir William Petre. There is no talk at Poissy but of war, which he supposes will soon begin; for the more loth the King is, the bolder grow the French, imputing to fear that which really arises from conscience and a Christian desire for peace. He hopes that His Majesty's good intention may not have thrown him behindhand, for the French are ever fiercest in the onset, which once over they are easy enough to deal with. Now Christmas is past he hopes soon to have his recall, as the Queen had given him to understand that his stay in France would not be of long duration. He can quite understand Sir William's complaint of lack of men for foreign embassies, as he takes care to keep them all in store at home. He hears that Thomas Stafford has sued Sir Robert Stafford at Rouen for false imprisonment, and obtained heavy damages against him; but the process is now transferred to Paris where neither party stirs abroad unattended with a goodly following of armed retainers. And one day Sir Robert meeting with Bryan Fitzwilliam, one of Thomas Stafford's boon companions, called him "traitor," upon which Bryan told him he lied; and thereupon, on New Year's day, the two happening to meet on the bridge of Notre Dame, Sir Robert, though unarmed, straightway fell upon Fitzwilliam, but was foiled by a slight wound in the left arm. Sir Robert's friends, however, say that if he had been armed, or Bryan unarmed, the latter had not escaped; and Sir Robert himself still calls him "traitor," as calling himself next in succession to the Crown of England, to the prejudice of the Queen of Scots, who is next heir in his opinion. Thomas Stafford has obtained leave to distrain upon Sir Robert's goods in Rouen for the damages awarded to him. Not long ago Dr. Wotton had written concerning one Chilester, who was connected with a gang of coiners at Otford, and who had pleaded hard for pardon on the grounds that he himself had never coined. This Chilester has declared that before his flight from England, understanding that the scheme had been discovered, and that Mr. Bedingfelde was on his way to Otford to examine into the matter, he had buried certain dies, which they had got from the Tower, in a secret place known only to himself, whence they can only be recovered through him personally. Dr. Wotton much distrusts the presence of Thomas Stafford and Dudly at the French Court, and especially their being lodged at St. Germains; yea, and well lodged, too, for Stafford kept a good house and table, and both probably received money—at least he knows they were both with the Treasurer de l' Epargne—whereas formerly they would have been content to lodge and dine in a tent or a cabinet. When he comes to think of Stafford's late letter to the Queen, of the language employed in his process, of his men calling him "my Lord," and of his treatment at the French Court, he finds food for musing. Since writing the above he hears that Stafford bears upon his seal the full arms of England, without any difference, and that the damages claimed against Sir Robert amounted to 17,000 crowns, whereof he had been awarded only 52 and a little odd money, and that not by a sentence definitive, but by an interlocutory upon a contumacy, by reason of Sir Robert's procureur's negligence in not entering a caveat

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in proper time. And Sir Robert hopes still to gain the day, unless Stafford can prove himself to be what he calls himself in the process. He hears also that Assheton is very much annoyed with Dudley for having received his pension and paid him nothing of it; and the Horseys have fallen out for a similar cause, the one having appropriated the other's pension. The elder Horsey he weens is married in Normandy, and Dudley goeth about the like. Poissy, January 13, 1556-7. Holograph. [Original in English, the greater part in cipher.]

XLVII. Christiana, Duchess of Lorraine, to Queen Mary. Returning thanks for the many honours and favours conferred upon her during her stay in England, and for the courteous attention paid to her by the lords and gentlemen appointed to be her escort to the sea coast on her way home. She prays that Her Majesty will permit the Marquis to bring her back an answer to the petition she lately presented to her. Dover, May 11, 1557. Holograph. [Original in French.]

XLVIII. Margaret of Austria, Duchess of Parma, to Queen Mary. She would wish to write daily to the Queen; but fearing that her letters would be wearisome, she only does so when some special occasion provides her with an excuse. She therefore now writes to congratulate Her Majesty on the great victories gained by King Philip and the probability of his speedy return home in peace. Piacenza, September 25, 1557. Holograph. [Original in Italian.]

XLIX. King Gustavus of Sweden to Queen Mary. A letter of credence in favour of the bearer, Dionisius Borre, whom he despatches with certain matters which he has commanded him to disclose to Her Majesty. Castle of Stockholm, November 1, 1557. Signed by the King. [Original in Latin.]

L. Emmanuel Philibert, Duke of Savoy, to Queen Mary. He has received the Queen's letter of the 11th instant, and in reply refrains from expressing the extent of his sorrow at the news of the loss of Calais, lest he should redouble the grief which he can well conceive Her Majesty must feel already. As soon as the intelligence of the siege reached him he set out from Brussels, and marched to the relief of the town: but as its fall has now rendered his efforts to afford timely aid unavailing, he will do his utmost to relieve the castle of Guisnes; to enable him to do which it is necessary that the forces under the Earl of Pembroke should join him without delay. He therefore earnestly begs Her Majesty to hasten their passage, he having given orders for the supply of arms and all necessaries to them on their arrival. Bruges, January 16, 1557. Signed by the Duke. [Original in French.]

LI. Sir Edward Carne to Queen Mary. On the 18th instant the ill news of Calais having surrendered to the Frenchmen had reached Rome,—to the astonishment of all Her Majesty's friends, who had considered the place impregnable, as it was indeed to anything but treachery. This had been confirmed by tidings from Venice and also by a post from Cardinal Trivulci the Pope's Legate at the French Court advertising His Holiness that the town had capitulated on the 7th instant without a shot being fired by either side. If this be true, treason the most abominable and abhorrent must have been committed, and he hopes that all efforts will be made to bring the traitors to justice, "for who woll not be faithfull to God cannot be "faithfull to man." The Abbot of S. Saluz, lamenting with him to-day over this misfortune, told him that when he was sent to treat for peace between the Emperor and the French King he was informed by the French Ambassador and others of the Council of France, that some of Her Majesty's great subjects were at work privily to induce the French by no means to make peace with the Emperor, lest they should lose the friends they already had in England; whereas they were likely to make more if war continued. These sort of subjects he recommends to Her Majesty's notice as "schelerate persons, not worthy to be on the earth," and warns her that if she spares heretic or traitor she will nourish a fire in her own house. News runs that the French King has given the Pope's nephew leave to return to Rome with great reward and favour. Francisco d'Este, the Duke of Ferrara's brother, whose arrival he mentioned in his letter of the 22nd, is daily in secret conclave with the Pope and the newly made Duke of Paliano; and the King's friends are indignant at his being made so much of at Court. Rome, January 28, 1558. In a postscript he states that he encloses a copy of the capitulation of Calais sent to the Pope. Holograph. [Original in English.]

LII. The Earl of Sussex, Lord Deputy of Ireland, to Queen Mary. Informing Her Majesty that on the 14th of September he embarked with a portion of the army in Ireland at Dublin, and on the 19th reached Kintire, where he landed and burned the whole country; thence to Arran, where he did the like; and so to the Isles of Combras, which he also burned. While riding at anchor between Combras and Bute there arose suddenly a terrible tempest, in which he sustained some loss; and returning

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to Knockfergus on the last day of September, he landed with the army and ordered the return of Her Majesty's ships. The bearer, Sir Thomas Cotton, without whose advice nothing had been done, will acquaint Her Majesty with the causes that took him to Arran, and prevented his going to other places which he had intended to have visited. He concludes by recommending Cotton and the other captains of ships, as well as the soldiers, to the Queen's notice, they having been most zealous and efficient in the discharge of their duty. On board the "Mary Wylloby," October 3, 1558. Holograph. [Original in English.]

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LIII. Shane O'Neill to the Earl of Sussex, Lord Deputy of Ireland. What has he done to the Queen's prejudice or dishonour that Lord Sussex should break upon him without a cause, and seek to conquer him unwarned of his arrival? He had been obedient to the Lord Justice during his absence, and for the piece of money that he had sent to borrow of Her Majesty he had offered as pledges the best son he has, his foster-brother, and his cousin; though for so small a sum his own credit were quite sufficient surety. Yet he had not obtained it, and Sussex had wronged him in a way he little expected. He appeals to the 10 or 12 letters that he had written to the Lord Justice to prove that it was not negligence that was the cause of his not going to the Queen's presence, but want of that same money. He still wishes to do so; but now that Sussex has invaded his territory, he will hold no parley with him while an Englishman remains on his land, but will complain to the Queen how he has been prevented appearing before her. It is no fear of war that actuates him in this respect, but the hope that Her Majesty would aid him in bringing his wild country to civility and goodness, and that his visit to her might serve to show his own loyalty and that of all Ireland. He hopes that Sussex will do him no more harm till this his letter has been submitted to the Council. Signed "by me, O'Neill." July, 1561. [Original in Celtic.]

LIV. John Knox to Queen Elizabeth. The Queen of Scotland is earnestly labouring to have a treatise entitled "The First Blast of the Trompet" confuted, and the hearts of Princes inflamed against the writer. It were foolishness in him to advise Her Majesty, especially upon a subject that touches himself; but he feels sure that the Queen of Scotland would not take such pains about this book unless her crafty Councils were shooting at a farther mark. Two years ago he had written his full declaration touching that work to Her Majesty, and experience hath shown that he is undesirous of innovations, "so that Christ Jesus be not in "his members openlie troden under the feitt of the ungodlie." Edinburgh, August 6, 1561. Holograph. [Original in English.]

LV. Mary, Queen of Scots, to Queen Elizabeth. Having heard that her uncle, Monsieur de Guise, is to be at the French Court on the 15th instant, she has written to warn him of her information, and being much troubled as to the cause of his being summoned, which she can only imagine to be the work of some ill-wisher who seeks to involve him in some embroilment, she begs Her Majesty, as one of her best friends, to order her Ambassador in Paris to confer privately with the Duke. Acting on the Queen's assurance, she speaks frankly with Her Majesty, trusting her on all subjects which she has at heart, and feeling sure that her confidence will be well received. Seaton, January 4, 1561–2. Holograph. [Original in French.]

LVI. Mary, Queen of Scots, to Queen Elizabeth. Considering the frequent circulation of false reports tending to the injury of the most perfect friendships, and from which she herself feels that she has often been a sufferer, she sends the bearer, Mr. Melville, to reside at Her Majesty's Court, and keep her truly informed upon affairs in Scotland. Having heard that Foulart, a poor servant of her husband the King, has fallen into the hands of the Queen's officers, and been condemned to death, she remonstrates against this unwonted severity towards one who has committed no offence against Her Majesty, and begs that the execution may be respited. She pleads also in touching language for her mother-in-law, who is in great misery and distress on account of her close confinement, appealing to the Queen whether she deserves imprisonment for merely wishing well for her child, and whose misfortunes are the true reason of the despatch of this letter. And she prays the Queen to reserve a little of her good opinion of her till she shall have justly forfeited it all. Edinburgh, February 12, 1565–6.

In a postscript Queen Mary adds: "I pray you excuse this bad writing, for "the condition I am in does not easily permit me this exertion." Holograph. [Original in French.]

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LVII. The Laird of Lydington, William Maitland, to Sir William Cecil. The Queen of Scots has been dangerously ill since her arrival, but is now so far convalescent as to hope to be able to return home in three or four days. Monsieur de Croc, the French King's agent, who had written to advise His Majesty of her illness, has now written to the French Ambassador to inform him and the Queen Mother of her progress towards recovery, and requests that his letter may be forwarded with all speed. He therefore begs Cecil to despatch the accompanying packet, and to let him know of its delivery. Edinburgh, October 24, 1566. Holograph. [Original in English.]

LVIII. Mr. Henry Kyllygrew to Sir William Cecil. Although he hopes to see him shortly, he writes in the mean time to tell him that he had this day had an audience of the Queen of Scots, after dining with the Earl of Murray, who was accompanied by the Chancellor, the Earl of Argyle, Lord Bothwell, and the Laird of Lydington. He found Her Majesty sitting in a dark chamber, which prevented him seeing her face; but her words were very doleful. She received Queen Elizabeth's letters and messages in very thankful manner, and her answer, which he hopes to receive in a few days, will, he thinks, gratify the Queen both as to the matters of the Borders as those of Ireland and the Treaty of Leith. As for news, he can only repeat what he hears. There are great suspicions, but no proof or appearance of apprehension as yet, although he is given to understand there will be before his departure. Lord Lenox has demanded the arrest of the persons named in the bill, and has been answered that, if he or any other will stand to the accusation of any of them, they shall be arrested, but not by virtue of the bill or at his request. His Lordship is among his friends near Glasgow, where he thinks himself safe enough. All seems quiet, but a general misliking exists among the commons and some others who resent the detestable murder of the King as a reproach to all Scotland; and the preachers pray openly to God that He will reveal and revenge, exhorting all men to prayer and repentance. Edinburgh, March 8, 1566–7.

In a postscript Killygrew says that O'Connor is glad that he has leave to go in safety to England, and that Standen, Nelson, and Gwyn, late servants of the King, have offered their services, and intend returning home as soon as they can get their passports. Holograph. [Original in English.]

LIX. The Laird of Lydington, William Maitland, to Sir William Cecil. He has received Cecil's two letters, of the 25th and 26th of February, by the hands of Mr. Killigrew and Mr. Mailvill, and thanks him for his accustomed frankness. Although the matter is one in which Cecil is averse to speaking his mind to every man, yet his wise considerations ought to be admitted by any discreet person; for all they demand is justice, and that in due time and orderly. For the third mark that Cecil desires he should shoot at, namely, that Her Majesty will allow of the establishment of his religion, it is the object nearest his heart, and he will venture to utter his fancy to her, trusting that she will not be offended at his openness in a matter so profitable to her in every way. And he thinks that in time that point also will be gained, though the Queen will probably not yield at the first. [Edinburgh], March 13, 1566–7. Holograph. [Original in English.]

LX. Mr. Robert Melville to Sir William Cecil. He has been in the country ever since Mr. Killigrew's departure, but doubts not that Cecil has been advertised of everything going on in Scotland. The Earl of Bothwell has carried off the Queen "wiolentlie" to Dunbar, where she is detained against her will, to the great discontent of many of the nobles and almost all her subjects. The Earls of Athol, Morton, and Mar have convened at Stirling with the young Earl of Montrose and the Lord of Tullibardine, and resolved to rescue the Queen, place the Prince in the Earl of Mar's guardianship, and purge Scotland of the detestable murder of the King, whereof Bothwell is suspected to be the principal author, both on account of his audacious detention of the Queen, his pressing her to marriage, to which she has consented, and his anxiety to get the Prince into his power. The Earl of Huntly, the Laird of Lidington, his brother, James Melville, and many of the Queen's domestic servants, are also taken prisoners; and Her Majesty had summoned the town of Edinburgh to arm for her rescue. This had been attempted, but failed; and he understands that help is to be asked of Queen Elizabeth. France has offered to take part with the nobility and gentlemen of Scotland, and to confer pensions upon some of them; but the more honourable of them have determined to do nothing that may offend Queen Elizabeth, both Papists and Protestants uniting in earnest affection for their country. He refers to Cecil's wisdom what ought to be done in this matter. The several lords have departed to their homes in order to assemble their friends as speedily as they can; and Both-

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well has brought the Queen to Edinburgh, where he has commanded Master John Craig to publish the banns of marriage, but Craig has refused, alleging that the Earl can be no lawful husband to Her Majesty. It is expected that the marriage will be ended, and that Bothwell will go on to Stirling to capture the Prince by force from the Earl of Mar, who is victualling the castle for resistance. He understands that Queen Elizabeth has written to Queen Mary a letter of good advice, which was not accepted in a friendly spirit, and was sharply answered. This he begs Cecil to believe was more the work of those about Her Majesty than of herself; for her behaviour had been very different while her own wise Council had liberty to be with her. He trusts Cecil will tear up this letter, as being in the country he is uncertain whether the Queen would approve of it, although from his heart he wishes her all honour and prosperity. He adds at the end that he has just been summoned to Court, and will write thence to Cecil as occasion serveth. Cairney, in Fife, May 7 [1567]. Holograph. [Original in Scotch-English.]

LXI. The Earl of Bothwell to Queen Elizabeth. Being now "callit to this place," he thinks it incumbent upon him to disabuse Her Majesty's mind of the evil reports that have circulated to his discredit, and bestir himself for the continuance of the friendship and good understanding which had heretofore existed between her and the Queen of Scots. He offers his services, whenever she shall think fit to employ him, and has instructed Mr. Robert Melville, whom the Queen of Scots despatches to Her Majesty, to make true report of his intention; assuring her that although men of greater birth and estimation might well have been preferred to the realm of Scotland, yet no one more careful to see their two Majesties in friendly disposition towards each other, or more affectionate to do Queen Elizabeth honour and service, can be found than himself. Edinburgh, June 5, 1567. Signed by the Earl. [Original in Scotch-English.]

LXII. The Earls of Athol, Moreton, Glencairn, and Mar, and the Lords Home, Semple, Sanquhar, and Uchiltre, to Queen Elizabeth. The heavy burthen of slander and ignominy sustained by the whole realm of Scotland, and particularly by the nobility thereof, on account of the odious and horrible murder committed on the person of the late King, their Queen's lawful husband, has determined them to take up arms to obtain justice against his murderers. Their trusty friend Robert Melville had on his late mission to Her Majesty, although their enterprise was then latent, been instructed to impart their design to her, and they rejoice to hear by his letter that Her Majesty has accepted it in good part, and offered her support in so just a cause; for which they tender their most humble thanks, praying that she will continue in the same mind, as well in respect of the grounds of this quarrel as because he whose murder they seek to avenge had the honour to be of Her Majesty's blood. Edinburgh, June 26, 1567. Signed by the above-named nobles. [Original in Scotch-English.]

LXIII. A rudely-drawn hieroglyphic, in pen and ink, apparently alluding to the Queen of Scots and Earl Bothwell. The Queen is represented as a mermaid, wielding a sort of scourge in her right hand, surmounted by the motto "Spe illecto inani," and with the letters "M. R." on either side. The Earl is figured as a hare, distinguished by the letters "I. H." for James Hepburn, running over a field enclosed in three concentric circles, edged with a fringe of daggers and bearing the mottoes, "Fores vastabit te gladius et intus pavor," and "Timor undique clades." [June, 1567.]

LXIV. Portion of a commission for taking the account of Sir W. Fitzwilliam, Treasurer and Receiver-General of Ireland; on the blank side whereof the name of "Burghley" has been written letter by letter, perhaps by Cecil himself, in practising his new signature. The probable date of the commission is April 1568.

LXV. The Earl of Argyll and other Nobles of Scotland to the Duke of Alva. Complaining of the monstrous cruelty of Queen Elizabeth to the Queen of Scots, who having been enticed by fair promises to enter into England had been seized and imprisoned. This abominable and odious act of treachery, practised under the guise of affection, induces them to beseech His Highness, as one on whom their Queen's entire hopes rest, to consider her lamentable case, and lay the matter before the King of Spain, in order that he may so deal with the Queen of England that she be restored to liberty. They represent to the Duke how formidable and terrible an attitude he may assume towards Queen Elizabeth, and how intolerable a spur he may apply to her; and they beg that he will assist them by sending over troops and munitions of war, to enable them to retake the castles which had been deceitfully

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surprised and captured by their Queen's enemies. Largs, July 30, 1568. This document bears the signatures of the Archbishop of St. Andrews, the Bishop of Murray, Huntly, Cassillis, Argyle, Crawford, Erroll, Dunkeld, Maxwell, Eglinton, Caithness, Ross, Oliphant, Rothes, Drummond, Boyd, Ogilvy, Somerville, Sanquhar, Forbes, Yester, Borthwick, Lochmaban, and Bas. [Original in Latin.]

LXVI. Mary, Queen of Scots, to Queen Elizabeth. She has received the Queen's kind message and letter by Lord Boyd with the same sense of relief and thankfulness that the fearful mariner feels when, in the midst of a horrible tempest in unknown seas, he sights the welcome beacon. And hopes now that she has shaped the course of her storm-tost bark under the shelter of Her Majesty's favour she will be received into the harbour of her grace; which, if natural love and affection can compass, she feels sure of obtaining. She thanks the Queen for her anxiety with regard to her health, for the recovery whereof she is greatly beholden to the skill and attention of the bearers, and informs Her Majesty that agreeably to her desire she has despatched Borthwick to the French Court with instructions to bring back the requisite testimony; with regard to which so little doubt exists in her mind that she begs Her Majesty not to cease to provide for her liberty, though by doing so she only binds her still more strongly to her service. She hopes Queen Elizabeth will excuse this humble expression of her gratitude and her having despatched Borthwick to her; but the change of air has made her rather unwell, and she has had certain other matters, which he will explain in person. Winkfield, June [1569]. Holograph. [Original in French.]

LXVII. Captain Humphrey Gilbert to Sir William Cecil. The Lord Deputy and the Council have appointed him Colonel of the Queen's forces in Munster and sole Governor of that province. He begs Cecil to be good to him, and bear with the imperfections of his government, as it was thrust upon him much against his will; he being neither in years, experience, and other requisite qualities fitted for such an office, which is to him but a sweet poison, that in the end will turn to his confusion and utter discredit rather than the increase of his reputation. He therefore begs to be removed, lest he should hinder the Queen's service and lose in a few days the little credit which he has been labouring for all his life; and moreover, if he be denied leave to go to England in the spring for advice, the disorder in his eyes may become incurable, to his utter undoing. He trusts Cecil will have consideration for him, lest this his being too early called to govern others, not being master of himself, prove his destruction. He recommends Captain Ward and Captain Sheuytt to be rewarded for their services; Captain Ward having behaved most valiantly at the siege of Kylmallock and the "wyndynge" of a strong castle called Garrystoune, in Conycloughe, which he was the first to enter. And also a young gentleman named Edgertoune, servant to Lady Mary Sydney, who served very valiantly in the same assault. Limerick, October 18, 1569. Holograph. [Original in English.]

LXVIII. John Knox to Sir William Cecil. Men should be grateful for God's mercies. Dangers known should be avoided. If the root be not struck at, the branches will bud again. Self should be forgotten in matters of such weight. He has never been an enemy to the quietness of England. God grant Cecil wisdom. Edinburgh, January 1569.

In a postscript he says that more days than one would not suffice to express what he thinks. Holograph. [Original in English.] This mysterious and portentous epistle, the gist of which appears to be that Cecil should bring about the murder of the Queen of Scots, is signed: "Yours to command in God, Johne "Knox, with his one foote in the grave."

LXIX. Sir Christopher Hatton to Queen Elizabeth. In striving to withstand the violent cause of her evil opinion of him he may perhaps double his offence, for the truth of his cause disagrees with the rigour of her judgment; but he hopes she will listen to complaints sprung from the bitterness of his heart for justice' sake. He defends himself against the charges of ingratitude, covetousness, and ambition which have caused her displeasure against him. For the first, he calls God to witness that he has always most entirely loved her person and service, to which he has everlastingly vowed his whole life, liberty, and fortune. Whatever God and Her Majesty had made him, the same had been her own; neither had the ceremony of thanksgiving ever been wanting in him; and he prays Her Majesty to spare her poor prostrate servant from her pronounced vengeance. To the second accusation he swears that he has ever found Her Majesty's largesse greater than his lack, and he has only wished to live worthily in her most sacred service. He trusts that this truth will have a settled place in her holy heart. To the third, God knows that he has never had a desire but for her service. The two great causes that lately so

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much displeased her nobles, namely that of the D. of N. and the Q. of S. [Duke of Norfolk and Queen of Scots], the acts of Parliament for religion, and other strange courses, have all been laid on his weak shoulders, so that when he falls "behold then "the wretchid man, how he shall pas all pointed at !" Nevertheless he prays to God that hell may swallow him if he ever inordinately sought either honour or riches, place, calling, or dignity. He beseeches Her Majesty not to be led by lewdness of others to lose her own that truly loveth her. These most unkind conceits wonderfully wring him ! Would to God he could win her to think well of him. He fears to weary her with this blotted letter, and prays God to bless her for ever. Signed, "Your dispayrynge most wretchyd bondman, Ch. Hatton." No date. [October 1572.] Holograph. [Original in English.]

LXX. Sir Christopher Hatton to Queen Elizabeth. If he could express his feelings on receipt of her gracious letters, he should utter matter of strange effect. In reading them he blots them with his tears; in thinking of them he feels such great comfort as to find cause to thank her on his knees. Death had been more acceptable than to win life by so loathsome a pilgrimage. An absence of two days has drawn him farther from Her Majesty than ten when he returns can lead him towards her. He finds the greatest lack that ever poor wretch sustained. Neither death nor hell shall ever make him so far wrong himself as to be absent from her one day. God grant his return ! He will perform this "wowe." He lacks that he lives by, and he finds the lack the greater the further he is separated from her. The life is too long that loathsomely lasteth. The wisdom that he finds in her letters is very notable, but the last word is worthy of the Bible. His "sprite and sole" agree with his body and life that to serve her is heaven, to lack her more than hell's torments. He beseeches Her Majesty to pardon his tedious letter; he will wash away its faults with the tears that drop from her poor "Lyddes," and so enclose them. Would to God he were with her but for one hour; his wits are overwrought; he finds himself amazed ! Passion overcometh him. "Love me, for I love you." Shall he utter the familiar word "farewell"? "yea, ten thousand thousand farewells. He speakithe it that most derelie "lovith you." June 1573. Signed, "Your bondman everlastyngly tyid, Ch. Hatton," and addressed to the Queen by the symbols used by him to express her, Δ Δ Δ. Holograph. [Original in English.]

LXXI. Sir Christopher Hatton to Queen Elizabeth. The time is hallowed which he consumes in writing to her. This is the twelfth day since he saw the brightness of that sun that gives light to his sense and soul; he waxes an amazed creature. Give him leave to remove himself in imagination out of this irksome shadow, and thus salute her: "Lyve for ever, most excellent creature, and love sum man too shew your self thankful for God his highe labour in you." He is too far off to hear her answer, but he fears that for some part thereof he should have but small thanks. But pardon him, he will leave these matters, for he thinks the Queen mislikes them. He has received great honour in Flanders for the love, or rather the fear, they bear for Her Majesty, of all of which he has advertised Mr. Heneage, whose report he begs her to hear. Would he were at home ! He beseeches the Queen not to forget her poor "Lyddes," that are so often bathed with tears for her sake. A wiser man may seek her, but a more thankful and worthy can never have her. But pardon him; he will write no more of these matters. He wishes Her Majesty the like welfare which her presence would give him. This is the best farewell that was ever given her. Antwerp, June 17, 1573. Signed, "Yours all "and ever yours, Ch. Hatton." Holograph. [Original in English.]

LXXII. Sir Christopher Hatton to Queen Elizabeth. The lack he feels doth make him know her greatest worth; and he finds his body and mind so far divided that melancholy, conceived by this unwonted absence, has made himself forget himself. Scarcely would the Queen recognise him—"her mutton is black"—so much has this disease "dasshid" him. He prays God she will believe his faith; it is the testament of her greatest excellence. It might gladden her that she lives so dearly loved. He loves herself. He cannot lack her. He knows this by the wish and desire he has to be with her. "Believe it, most gracious ladie; there is no *illud mitius*—you are the true felicitey that in this world I know or fynd." The branch of the sweetest bush he will wear to his life's end. It is a gracious favour most dear to him. "Reserve "it for the shepe; he hathe no touthe to bite where the boores tushe may bothe bruyse "and teare." The "braunche of brasse" with her most notable word and sentence he desires exceedingly to have; but what pleases him most is, that she cannot esteem the untrue esteemer. He beseeches pardon on his knees; the fulness of his heart carries him he knows not whither: "but gesse you (as the comen proverb is), and I

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" will graunt." He fancies from his servant that Her Majesty is not well, which troubles him greatly, and he prays her to let him know if it be so, " for then will I " presently cum what ever befall me." No date. [July 1573.] Signed, " Your slave " and ever your own," and addressed Δ Δ Δ. Holograph. [Original in English.]

LXXIII. Sir Christopher Hatton to Queen Elizabeth. As Her Majesty's most rare works confirm in him an irremovable faith, so is his love enlarged to an infinite thankfulness. The lining of Mr. Heneage's letter warmeth the heart's blood with joys above joys; full sweet must that life be that is asked from the Almighty's hands by so noble and sweet a creature. God grant him grace to give her as small trouble as she gives him most inestimable great cause of the contrary! He hopes with discretion to correct all frail humours, and begs her pardon for things by-past, which he will even by amendment. The contentment of mind she gives him does most of all recure him; by her great bounty he purchases life and health, and by her endless care for his recovery he enjoys such great comfort as never God hath blessed man with before. For all these he can yield her nothing but the beggar's phrase, " God save your life for ever, and bless you with his gloryous thankes for your " devyne merits towards me your soo poore and disconfortyd desperynge servant." Some proof hath Julio sent her of his amendment, and he thinks much greater effects will follow. Upon the knees of his heart he most humbly commends his most faithful love and service unto her. " Adeu, most dere sweet ladie. All and ever " yours, your most happe bondman, Lyddes." August 10, 1573. Addressed Δ Δ Δ. Holograph. [Original in English.]

LXXIV. The Earl of Leicester to Queen Elizabeth. He thanks Her Majesty for her great comfort showed towards her absent õ õ by the testimony of her own sweet hand; and as it is impossible to express in writing the least part of that comfort, he hastes to be a partaker of those greater joys, the only upholders of life and all, her blessed presence. He will therefore say no more, but conclude with his wonted prayers for her most happy and long life. Woodstock, Sunday night [September 4, 1575]. Signed, " Your Majesty's moost faythfull and most bounden õ õ, R. Ley- " cester." [Original in English.]

LXXV. Margaret, Countess Dowager of Lenox, to the Queen of Scots. She has received Her Majesty's token with great comfort, especially as she perceives what zealous natural care she takes of their sweet and peerless jewel in Scotland. She has been no less fearful with regard to Her Majesty, lest the wicked Governor should have power to do harm to her person. Immediately upon the receipt of Her Majesty's letters, the Court being far off, she sent their trusty one, who had done as much as she could have done herself, both towards ascertaining the present state of affairs and preventing evil to come. He hath dealt with those who have both the will and power of providing for their jewel's preservation, and who will use a bridle to the wicked when need requires. She beseeches Her Majesty to fear not, but trust in God, for the treachery of her traitors is now better known than before, and she herself will always play her part to Her Majesty's content. She concludes with her most humble thanks for Queen Mary's kindness to " owr letyll dowghter " [Arabella Stuart]. Hackney, November 10 [1575]. Holograph.

There is a postscript to this letter, written by Elizabeth, Countess of Lenox, thanking Queen Mary for her remembrance, and praying for Her Majesty's happy estate till she can do her better service, which she shall always be ready to do, as one who loves and honours her unfeignedly. Holograph. [Original in English.]

LXXVI. Mary, Queen of Scots, to Queen Elizabeth. The many courtesies she has received at Her Majesty's hands make her all the more anxious to deserve them. In the mean time she can do no less than inform her of the great relief she has experienced from her stay at the baths and the remedies which she continues to use in hopes of eradicating her inveterate malady, and thank her for permitting the attendance of an apothecary upon her. After God, she shall be indebted to Her Majesty for what health it shall please the Almighty to allow her to enjoy; but she has been so long ill that she can hardly think she shall ever perfectly recover, though the bearer, Lusgerie, her first physician, gives her great hopes of doing so. She has instructed him to inform her of her condition, and to present her with a casket and a light head-gear, which she has had made up by the same person who made the apron which Her Majesty was lately pleased to accept from her. If the fashion please her she will order a handsomer and more elaborate one to be made; and in the mean time, in order not to let the embroiderer whom Queen Elizabeth has allowed her remain idle, she begs Her Majesty to send her a pattern of one of her high-collared bodices, in order that she may have no further occasion of troubling her. If she could have found anything among her Treasurer's effects

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worth presenting to her, she would certainly have done so; but everything has passed through so many and so villainous hands that there is nothing deserving of falling into hers. She has already written to Monsieur de Mauvissière, the French King's Ambassador, desiring him to apply to Her Majesty for a passport for her Chancellor, whose presence is necessary for the settlement of her affairs, which are in a sufficiently bad condition since the death of the Cardinal of Lorraine, her uncle. In hopes of a speedy opportunity of being of service she kisses Her Majesty's hands, and prays for her happy and long life. Sheffield, July 30 [1575]. [Original in French.]

This is a draft letter in Holograph, with many corrections and additions in another hand.

LXXVII. A petition from Mistress Isabel Frobisher, "the moste miserable poore "woeman in the worlde," to Secretary Sir Francis Walsingham. Stating that whereas she had first married Thomas Riggat, of Snaith, in Yorkshire, a very wealthy man, who had left her and her children excellent portions, she had afterwards taken to husband Mr. Captain Frobisher (whom God forgive!), who has not only spent her own but her children's portions, and cast them all on the wide world to shift, "a moste lamentable case." And now, to increase her misfortunes, her grandchildren by her first husband are sent to her; she having only a poor room within an other at Hampstead, where she and they are starving for want of food, to her intolerable grief and sorrow. She therefore prays that His Honour will either enforce payment of 4*l.* due by a Mr. Kempe, dwelling in the Woolstaple at Westminster, for Captain Frobisher, or relieve her till Frobisher's return, to keep them from famishing. No date. [1577.] [Original in English.]

LXXVIII. King James VI. of Scotland to his mother, Queen Mary. He beseeches her to believe that it was not with his good will that her secretary had returned without delivering Her Majesty's letter and message to him, for he should infinitely regret her imagining him unmindful of the respect and honour due to her, to whom all the honour that he possesses on earth is owing. He has received the ring, and will wear it carefully in remembrance of her, hoping that she will accept one which he sends in return, in a like affectionate spirit. Her Majesty has right well manifested how good a mother she is to him, by the warnings contained in her last letter; and he hopes she will continue to advise him, in order that he may take the best means possible to arrange matters, and show himself in all things her most obedient son. Edinburgh, January 29, 1580–1. Signed by the King. [Original in French.]

In a postscript King James recommends to Her Majesty, "the fidelity of [my "little ape, who stirs not from my side, by whom you will often send me news of "yourself." Holograph.

LXXIX. Sir Walter Raleigh to Secretary Sir Francis Walsingham. The day after his letter by Lieutenant Biggs news had arrived that Davy Barrey had burnt all his castles, and gone into open rebellion. And upon his arrival at Dublin, foreseeing whereunto this traitor was bent, it had pleased the Lord Deputy to entrust one of these castles, called Barre Court, with its adjoining island, to his keeping, on account of the protection it might afford to passengers between Cork and Youghal. He had therefore made preparations for capturing it; but the Lord General [Earl of Ormond], either because he meant to keep it for himself, or was unwilling that any Englishman should have anything, delayed his doing so so long that Barry had defaced and spoiled it along with the rest. He prays God that Her Majesty will not find that, what with the Lord General's defence of his own country, what with the bearing and forbearing of his kindred, all these traitors being his own cousins germain what with the incomparable hatred between him and the "garautines" [Geraldines] who will rather die a thousand deaths, enter into a million of mischiefs, and seek succour of all nations, than be ever subdued by a Butler, after spending 100,000*l.* more, she be not driven to send over an English President, and pursue these malicious traitors with fire and sword. Would to God that His Honour and Her Majesty knew as well as he does how pitifully the service has been performed, considering that this man has been Lord General of Munster about two years, and that there are now a thousand more traitors than there were the first day! Would that the services of Sir Humphrey Gilbert were justly appreciated! who with a third part of the forces now in Ireland quelled a rebellion not much inferior to this in two months, or that his behaviour in peace were not such as to keep him from the promotion he deserves,—a man than whom he never heard or read of more feared by the Irish nation, and who, he feels convinced, would bring the best of the Earl of Desmond's adherents, yea, and all the unbridled traitors about the country, to the Queen's mercy by the mere terror of his name. For his own part it grieves him to take Her Majesty's pay (which God knows is but a poor entertainment), and

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see her so abused. He would rather give up his command, and serve her with a dozen or ten horse during the war. He begs that His Honour will excuse his bold writing, as it is done simply for the honour of the Queen and the furtherance of her service, and that he will reserve his letters to himself; promising to keep him well advised of everything that goes on in Ireland. He also begs that he will instruct the Lord Deputy, whom he finds most willing to do him any service, to confirm his appointment to the custody of Barry Court and Island. Cork, February 25 [1581]. Signed by Raleigh. [Original in English.]

LXXX. The Duke of Florence to Mary, Queen of Scots. He takes advantage of the Earl of Westmoreland's passage through Florence, on his way to Flanders in His Catholic Majesty's service, to assure Queen Mary of the affection which he has always entertained for her, and his wishes that every kind of greatness and prosperity may be hers. Florence, July 28, 1581. Signed by the Duke. [Original in Italian.]

LXXXI. Louise, Queen of France, to Mary, Queen of Scots. Condoling with her upon her affliction, which she feels more than any one, both on account of their relationship and the great affection she bears for Her Majesty. The King of France has despatched the Sieur de la Mout to the Queen of England, and from thence to Queen Mary and the Prince her son; but feeling uncertain whether he has written as fully as she desires, she offers her her heart and everything in her power. She has been at the baths, and will send an account of them on her return; hoping that God will grant her children through the intercession of Queen Mary's prayers, and thanking Him for Her Majesty's better health, who has sorrow enough to bear without having sickness in addition. Paris, October 28 [1582]. Holograph. [Original in French.]

LXXXII. Certificate of two assays of ore brought home by Captain Frobisher. The assays were made by William Williams, first with one hundredweight of the ore with two hundredweight of lead, and the second with one hundredweight of ore and four hundredweight of lead. The result was indentical in each case, and the silver eliminated, in size two minute pins' heads, is affixed to the margin of the certificate in sealing-wax. July 28, 1583.

LXXXIII. A declaration made by Mary, Queen of Scots; whereby she promises on her queenly faith and honour to hold as mortal enemies all those who by counsel, procuration, consent, or other act whatever shall attempt anything against the life of the Queen of England. Winkfield, January 5, 1585. Signed by Queen Mary. [Original in French.]

LXXXIV. Lord Claud Hamilton to Mary, Queen of Scots. He is so persuaded that Her Majesty is cognizant of the true causes of his refusing the quietness and liberality bestowed upon him for a time by Queen Elizabeth and his leaving England, that he will only say that he would rather lose his life than fail in his duty to those to whom his obedience is due, and that he is ever ready in Her Majesty's service. Paris, July 26, 1585. [Original in Scotch-English.]

LXXXV. Mr. Ralph Lane to Sir Francis Walsingham. The General's [Sir Richard Grenville] return in person to England cuts him off from reporting circumstantially on the peculiarities of the country of Virginia; but he begs to offer these general observations. Their arrival, though late in the year, and that through the fault of him who intends to accuse others, has nevertheless revealed so many rare and singular commodities in this Her Majesty's new kingdom as all the states of Christendom put together could not furnish, either for public use or "pleasing for delyghte;" for proof whereof he refers to the ship which the General has brought home, laden with a great mass of good things, to prevent all suspicion of fraud. These things are only such as first came to hand upon the surface of the earth; the sunken plots whereof everywhere yield something valuable or grateful to the smell, they not having found in all their search one stinking weed. Into the bowels of the earth they have not yet searched; so, meaning only to describe what he has seen, he will not certify His Honour of what "lykelyhuddes" found, or what the savages report of better matters. The main territory is vast and huge, and the entrances so defended by shoals and reefs, stretching above 150 leagues along the coast, that great ships cannot approach. There are only three ports, two of which they have named Trinity harbour and Ococan, where all the fleet struck aground, and the "Tiger" was nearly lost. The third and best entry is Port Ferdinando, discovered by Simon Ferdinando, the pilot-major of the fleet, who has behaved with great skill and judgment. Trinity harbour has only 8 feet of water upon the bar at high tide, and Ferdinando 12 feet, with 3, 4, and 7 fathoms round it; so that

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if this port be fortified with a sconce all the navy of Spain could not enter it. The climate is so healthy, though somewhat hot, that they have not had one man sick, and many who were ill on their arrival, especially of rheums, have recovered. Himself and others have determined, with God's favour, to remain there till the return of a new supply; resolved to lose their lives rather than defer taking possession of a kingdom so valuable to Her Majesty, their country, and their most noble patron Sir Walter Raleigh, whose most worthy endeavours, backed by His Honour and the rest of the adventurers, have been the means of their attaining it. For himself he would rather live with fish for his daily food and water for his daily drink, in prosecution of such an enterprise, than upon all the dainties the Court could supply him with elsewhere; being comforted with the knowledge of the addition which the acquisition of such a kingdom must be to Her Majesty's greatness, and the means it may become of shortly rescuing the Church of Christ from the servitude and tyranny of Spain; and doubting not that God, rather than suffer the overthrow of this most Christian enterprize by the Papists, or the destruction of His poor servants engaged in it by famine, will command even the ravens to feed them, as He did by the prophet Abacuc. Port Ferdinando, in Virginia, August 12, 1585. [Original in English.]

LXXXVI. Mr. Marmaduke Darell to Mr. William Darell, at his house at Littlecote. The conveniency of a messenger, and the news which the place affords, occasions his troubling him with this letter. He doubts not but that his kinsman has heard the many strange rumours that have been bruited about the Scottish Queen, prisoner at Fotheringay. These have been hitherto false; "but now yt is most true that she "hathe endured that fatall stroke this daie that will excuse her from beinge "accessarye to any like matters that maye happen henceforthe." She was beheaded in the castle hall between 11 and 12 o'clock, the Earls of Shrewsbury and Kent being the only Commissioners present. The Sheriff of Northamptonshire, Sir Richard Knightly, Sir Edward Mountague, and many other gentlemen were there also. All order was most carefully observed in the execution; and the Queen herself endured it with great courage and show of magnanimity; "albeit in some "other respects she ended not so well as ys to be wished." The order for her funeral is not yet determined upon, or for the disposal of her people, who he thinks will be safely conducted to their native countries. Fotheringay Castle, February 8, 1586. [Original in English.]

LXXXVII. Sir Philip Sidney, on his death-bed, to Herr Jaen Wyer, physician. "Come, oh! come, my Weiar; I am in danger of my life, and long for thee. "Neither living or dead will I be ungrateful. More can I not, but earnestly pray "thee to hasten. Farewell. At Arnheim. Thine, Ph. Sidney." [October 1586.] Holograph. [Original in Latin.] This is said to be the last writing of Sir Philip Sidney.

On the same sheet of paper is another letter from Sihbert Enerwit to his uncle, Herr Wyer. He has been for this last three days requested by Mr. Heidun, the nearest relation of His Excellency, who is confined to his bed in Madame Gruithuissen's house by a gun-shot wound in the thick part of the leg, received before Zutphen about three weeks ago, to write and beg him to come and give his advice; for fever having supervened upon the wound, which hitherto seemed in a fair way of healing, has caused them great uneasiness. He has tried to spare him this trouble by pleas of indisposition and weight of business; but His Excellency is so anxious that he should come that he has himself written the above letter from his bed, and requested that he would write as well to the same effect. He therefore begs his uncle to give himself this trouble, and God will reward him. The Colonel has sent orders to the captain in the redoubt of Greefte, for the ships of war stationed there to convey him; and in case he should prefer travelling by land, the agent Schierk is to provide for his journey. He has ordered Peter Buiss to furnish provisions, so his uncle need bring nothing with him; and if he likes to come to their house, he will find everything ready for his reception. Beneke Shilfes has been written to this morning, and Peter Buiss has called to see what is to be done; so he hopes his uncle will consent to satisfy the prayers of all, and come as speedily as possible. Arnheim. October 26, 1586. [Original in Dutch.]

LXXXVIII. The Earl of Leicester to Queen Elizabeth. He humbly begs Her Majesty to pardon her poor old servant's boldness in sending to know how his gracious lady doth, and what ease of her late pains she finds. For his own poor case he still continues her medicine, and finds it does him more good than anything else that has been given him. And so hoping to find perfect cure at the bath, and with his wonted prayer for Her Majesty's most happy preservation, he humbly

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kisses her foot from her old lodging at Rycott, this Thursday morning, ready to take on his journey. In a postscript he adds that even as he had written the above he had received Her Majesty's token by young Tracy. [August 29, 1588.] Holograph. [Original in English.]

This letter is endorsed by the Queen, "*His last letter.*" The Earl died six days after, on the 4th of September, at Cornbury House, Oxfordshire.

LXXXIX. The Earl of Essex, Lord General, and the Commanders of Her Majesty's Army to the Lord High Admiral. In answer to the Admiral's letter expressing Her Majesty's doubts lest the Spanish fleet, by bearing a course for Brest or any other port in Brittany, should slip into the narrow seas, and so escape them. First, they think that these doubts should be removed by the intelligence which reports the fleet to be in no readiness or state to put to the northward. Next, as there are so many small vessels off the coast that would immediately bring home any news, and so many ships constantly passing through the narrow seas from Spain, and especially as no fleet fit to attempt any invasion of England could sail without notice or pass without discovery, they are of opinion that this fear is needless. Nevertheless they will send over to the coast of Brittany to reconnoitre the ports best fitted to receive the Spanish navy, and appoint the pinnaces and ships that are to meet the Queen's fleet before they leave the Sleeve [the Channel, still called by the French "La Manche"]. They also think it necessary to inform the Admiral that the reports of the discharge of seamen are false, no men having been discharged but those utterly insufficient and unsuitable,—men shipped by the pressmasters in sailors' clothes, but not knowing one rope from another. And yet the whole fleet is so ill manned that, unless they can procure better hands here and at Plymouth, they shall be much troubled to sail Her Majesty's ships; for, though they have enough in number, not one of the fleet has half her complement of able seamen. They beg him to further the motion which Mr. Fulke Greville is to make from them to the Queen. Written in Lord Essex's hand, and signed by him, Lord Mountjoy, Lord Thomas Howard, Sir Francis Vere, Sir Walter Ralegh, Sir George Carewe, and Sir Christopher Blount. No date. [July 1597.] [Original in English.]

XC. Sir Walter Raleigh to Secretary Sir Robert Cecil. Although the news of the dispersal of their storm-beaten fleet will be as unpleasing to Her Majesty as themselves, he thinks himself bound to report it. They left Plymouth on Saturday night, the 20th instant, and remained in company till Monday night, when foul weather coming on, with wind, rain, and thunder, he lost sight of the Lord General while shortening sail for the "Matthew" and the "Andrew" to close. On Tuesday morning these two ships with the "Bonaventer" and himself steered for the North Cape, in hope of rejoining the rest within six hours; but the wind shifting to south, and coming on to blow violently, they reduced themselves to fore courses, and stood out to sea, steering west. On Wednesday night the "Matthew," labouring very heavily, put herself under a main trysail,—which he did also, the better to hold with her and the "Andrew;" but the next morning neither were in sight. The storm increased in fierceness, and the seas grew very exceeding lofty, and he and the "Bonaventer" had labour enough to weather it: but during the next four nights the gale rose to such a pitch, and the sea ran so high, that they were reduced to bare poles; notwithstanding which the ships rolled so heavily, and were so much strained, that they were compelled either to force it again under their courses or sink. His own ship was so severely strained that on Saturday night he made account to have yielded up their souls to God; for she would neither stay, hull, or drive, and the men were worn out with work. Her seams were opened, her bulkheads started, and her very cookroom of bricks shaken to powder. On Saturday morning he spoke Captain Watson from the North Cape, who told him the whole fleet must be to leeward, as he had seen none of them; and the same day he also spoke a small man-of-war, direct from the North Cape, who had seen nothing of them either. Perceiving therefore that the Lord General must be astern, he bore up under a close-reefed foresail, but could not fall in with any one who could give him any information as to his whereabouts. His great fear is that he will be reduced to extremity before he will consent to put back, though his doing so will be only two days' sailing lost. The flyboats, with the troops on board, are scattered in every direction; and some are at Plymouth with great sickness among their men, and much damage done to themselves. What grieves him most, and what he protests before the Majesty of God that he believes, is that the Lord General will either wrestle with the seas to his peril, or return utterly heartbroken; though it is not in man's power to fight against the elements. He hears that between 30 and 40 sail have put into Falmouth; but Lord Essex is not among them. He knows not how to answer the constant demands made on him by different vessels,—some for masts,

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some for sails, some having wet all their bread, and others having sick soldiers on board, who will soon infect the rest. He understands that the fleet is strong in Ferrol. What they shall do to repair damages with these weighty ships, and at this late season of the year, he cannot judge, and dare not presume to advise. He begs that orders may be forwarded to him with all speed. Plymouth, Monday evening, July 18, 1597. Holograph. [Original in English.]

In a postscript Sir Walter Ralegh adds that the only ships of war at Plymouth are the "Warspight" and the "Bonaventer." "The Lord send us good news of the "'Matthew' and 'Andrew.'" He trusts to hear of them in Falmouth or Torbay. The wind is still strong, and seems likely to increase.

XCI. The Earl of Essex to Sir Robert Cecil. In haste, in passion, and yet in hope of change of fortune, he sends this letter to acquaint Her Majesty with the state of her poor servant, and as much as he knows of that of the fleet. All will go well yet, though the child-birth of their success is with show of danger and more than ordinary pain. He prays to be excused to all the world, for he cannot rest content till he be again in other men's opinions what he is in his own, now when things are at the worst. Falmouth, July 19 [1597]. Holograph. [Original in English.]

XCII. King James VI. of Scotland to Queen Elizabeth. Although he has never till now written to excuse his part in the accidents befallen on the Borders, yet the uprightness of his conscience assures him of Her Majesty's faith in the honesty of his intentions. He therefore begs that all things may be ordered to be as speedily performed on her part, as he shall be ready to do on his own; whereby the intention of such wicked people as thought to have staid it may be disappointed, and peace and justice established. Since they both shoot at one mark, plain dealing is better than disputing about terms and circumstances. His wardens are so "nipped" at this time that he dares to promise their peaceable behaviour for the future. In the mean time he prays that the Queen will on all occasions make known to the world her honourable and loving opinion of him, and especially, since he has a man waiting upon the receipt of the annuity, that Her Majesty will be pleased to give him a good and speedy despatch, so that it may be seen that she has conceived no thought of him but such as he shall always deserve. "And thus, Madam, my "dearest sister, I comitt you to the protection of the Most Hie." No date. [October 31, 1597.] Holograph. [Original in Scotch-English.]

XCIII. Mr. Foulke Grevill to [Sir Robert Cecil]. Agreeably to his request he sends him the names of all the kings that are absolute in the East, and engaged either in war or trade with Spain. First, there are the kingdoms of Fez and Morocco, each having six or seven petty dependent kingdoms. Then come those of Gualata, Tombuto, and Melli; the first poor and unfrequented, the second populous and rich in corn and cattle, but wanting in salt, which is supplied by Portugal, and the third abounding in corn, flesh, and cotton wool. The next kingdom, Guinea, is greater than all, being 500 miles in length, and having much traffic with the Portuguese, French, and Netherlanders. The Portuguese hold a fort near the Cape of Tres Puntas, and are much hated in Guinea on account of the number of Moors captured by them and sent into slavery. Beyond Guinea lies Congo, where the Portuguese have a fort called St. Paul, a mighty kingdom, whose king can bring 400,000 armed men into the field. At the Upper Coanza begins the kingdom of Angola, once tributary to Congo, but now absolute, and capable of supplying 1,000,000 men. From these parts slaves are exported in thousands by the Spanish and Portuguese. Along the coast from Angola to the Cape of Bona Speranza lies the kingdom of Climbebi, which forbids all traffic with other countries. Beyond the Cape to the river Magnice lies Butna, where gold is found; and there begins the kingdom of Sofala, which has submitted to Portugal in order to avoid the tyranny of the King of Monomotapa, a mighty prince with an army of Amazons. In the mouth of Cuama the Portuguese have a fort, where they trade in gold, ivory, and amber; and at Cuama begins the little kingdom of Angoscia and Mozambique, where the island is held by the Portuguese, and the mainland divided into almost as many kingdoms as there are towns. From the Cape of Bona Speranza to Mozambique all the people are heathens, and from Mozambique to the Red Sea all Mahometans, except a few Christians planted there since the coming of the Portuguese. Before Mozambique lies the great heathen island St. Laurence, divided into four governments, abounding in mines and other riches, but refusing traffic with other nations till lately, when the Portuguese began to deal with them for amber, wax, silver, copper, rice, and other goods. Beyond Angoscia lie Quiloa, Mombaza, and Melinde, all subject to Portugal, where the people are Mahometans belonging to the great kingdom of Mourmugi, bordering on Nilus and Prester John, and where the King barters silver, copper, and ivory for cotton and linen with the Portuguese. From Melinde to

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Cape Guardafuy are many little kingdoms possessed by white Mahometans, the chief whereof are Pate, Brava, Magadoxo, and Aneession, and here the Portuguese lie in wait for the Turkish ships which trade without their licence. From the Cape to the Red Sea are several small dominions rich in gold, silver, ivory, and all kinds of food; and behind these lies the great empire of Prester John, to whom the Portuguese are said to pay a yearly tribute. At the bottom of this sea, at a place called Sues, the Turks build gallies, which scour the coast and harass the Portuguese exceedingly. Beyond the Red Sea, Arabia Felix is governed by many great and absolute sultans, and upon its point stands the strong city of Aden, where Indians, Persians, Ethiopians, Turks, and Portuguese have an exceeding great traffic. Beyond the Gulph of Persia the King possesses all the coast, and carries on a great trade with the Portuguese in pearls, carpets, and other rich wares. In the mouth of this gulph lies the island of Ormus, subject to Persia, though the Portuguese hold a fort in it, where is the staple of all India, Arabia, Persia, and Turkey, and whither twice a year resort Christian merchants from Aleppo and Tripoli. Farther still is the kingdom of Cambaia, the most fruitful of all India. The Portuguese here possess the town of Dirn, situate on an island in the mouth of the Indus. Next comes the country of the Malabars, the best soldiers in India, and deadly enemies of the Portuguese; which was once one empire, but now divided into many kingdoms, and partly subject to the Queen of Baticola, who sells great quantities of pepper to the Portuguese at a town called Onor, which they hold in her State. The rest is divided into five kingdoms, Cochin, Chanonor, Chate, Canton, and Calechut,—the last once greatest, but now inferior to Cochin. Beyond the Malabars is Narsinga, where the Portuguese also trade, Oriarn and Bengallan by the river Ganges, Aracan, Pegu, Siam, Tanassria, and Queda. The island of Sumatra is held by many kings, enemies to the Portuguese, the chief of whom is the King of Dachem, who besieged them in Malacca, and stopped their trade with China, Japan, and Molucca for a time. Knowing the importance of this passage, the King of Spain has often resolved to conquer Sumatra, but has not done so as yet. The Kings of Actreyn and Tor are also enemies to the Portuguese. The Philippines formerly belonged to China; but being abandoned by her were taken possession of by the Spaniards, who trade there with the Chinese merchants, who yearly bring them above 20 shiploads of wares, which they export to New Spain and Mexico, and with whom they also trade at Mackau and Japan. At Goa is great resort of all Eastern nations, whom the Portuguese suffer to live after their own manners and religion, but subject to the laws of Portugal. In the year 1584 many ambassadors came there from Persia, Cambaia, and Malabar, and concluded a peace with Portugal; and in 1586 the Arabians slew above 800 Portuguese. All this information is taken from Osorius, Eden's Decade, and the Voyages of John Huighen, Mr. Greville having neither the means or time to consult other sources. London, March 10, 1599. [Original in English.]

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No. 8.—Chronological List of Documents, prepared by Mr. Sanders, forming Part I. of the Book of Fac-similes of National Manuscripts of Scotland, in process of being taken by Photozincography.

I. The first eight pages of the Book of Deer. "The so-called 'Book of Deer' is a "copy of the Latin Gospels and Apostles' Creed, written about eight or nine "hundred years ago, which came into the possession of the University of Cambridge "by the gift of King George I., in 1715. It formed part of the collection of "John Moore, Bishop of Ely, who died in 1714. It seems to have come into Moore's "possession about 1696, when he was Bishop of Norwich.

"The book contains the four Gospels written in the usual Celtic manner, that is, "the genealogy in St. Matthew is treated as a prologue, and this and each Gospel "begins with an illuminated initial letter and border, with a frontispiece facing it on "the opposite page. The scribe has not written all the four Gospels, but, beginning "each gospel on a separate sheet or quire of parchment, he has, in the case of the "first three gospels, written not quite enough to fill his quire, or a few chapters. "St. John he has written to the end, after which he has added the Credo and a "couplet in Gaelic.

"On the vacant pages or margins near the beginning of the book are several "entries in Gaelic, all evidently contemporary and written by different hands during "the reign of David I. (1124–1153). The first is a short narrative of the "foundation of the religious house at Deer by Columba and Drostan. This is "followed by a list of the benefactors to whom they owed the different parcels of "ground and privileges which they possessed. Then follow four or five little "charters in Gaelic, like the rest. On a vacant place at the end of St. Luke is a "Latin charter of David I., referring to the Gaelic entries in the earlier part of the "volume.

"On some blank space between St. Mark and St. Luke is written the latter "portion of a *Missa de Infirmis*, very like what you find in the similar gospels of "Moling and Dimma in Ireland. In this part the rubric of administration is in "Gaelic."

The above account has been kindly furnished me by Mr. Bradshaw, of King's College, Cambridge, Librarian of the University Library, in which the original is preserved.

The town of Deer, to the monastery of which place the book anciently belonged, is situated in Aberdeenshire, a few miles west of Peterhead.

II. Charter granted by King Duncan II., son of King Malcolm III., to the Monks of St. Cuthbert of Durham. Witnessed by King Duncan, Grento the scribe, Accard, Ulf, Malcolm, Eadgar, Hormer, Hemming, Œlfric, Teodbold, and Earnulf. No date. [1094–1096.] Seal.

III. Grant by King Edgar to the Monks of St. Cuthbert of Fiscwic, with its appurtenances, and expressly of the land which lies between Horverdene and Cnapadene. No date. [1096–1107.] Seal.

IV. Charter by King Edgar to St. Mary of Coldingham, and grant of all the vill of Swintun, as Luaf held it, to be at the disposal of the Monks of St. Cuthbert, to whom are also granted xxiv beasts to replenish the said land. Witnessed by Œlfwic Oter, Thor the Long, Œlfric the Cupbearer, Algar the Priest, Osbern the Priest, Cnut the Carle, Ogga, Lesing, Swein Ulfkillsune, Ligulf de Bebbanburch, Uhtred Filavesune, Uviæt Hwite, and Tigerne. No date. [1096–1107.]

V. Grant by King Edgar to the Monks of St. Cuthbert of Paxtun. No date. [1096–1107.] Seal.

VI. Charter by King Edgar to the Monks of St. Cuthbert, comprising grant of the "mansiones" of Goldingaham, Aldcambus, Lummesdene, Regnintun, Ristun, Swinewde, Farndun, Eitun, another Eitun, Prenegest, and Cramesmunde, with appurtenances. No date. [1096–1107.]

VII. Charter by King William II. of England to the Church of Durham, comprising a grant of lands in Lothian, formerly made to that church by King Edgar, the son of King Malcolm; to wit: the "mansiones" of Berwick, Greidene, Leinhale,

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Dylsterhale, Brycgham, Ederham, Cirneside, Hyltun, Blacedre, Cynebrihtham, Hotun, Remintun, Paxtun, Fugeldene, Mordintun, Lambertun, Hædrintun, Fiscwic, Horeford, Upsetintun, Collingham, Aldcambus, Lummesdene, Ristun, Suinestun, Farndun, Eitun, another Eitun, Prenegest, Crammesmunde, and Hædentun, with appurtenances. No date. [1087–1099.] Seal.

VIII. Charter by King Alexander I. to the Monks of St. Cuthbert, comprising a grant of Swintun, formerly made to that church by his brother Edgar, whose alms both he and his brother David will bestow according to his wishes. No date. [1107–1124.] Seal.

IX. Alexander I. to A[lgar], Prior, and the Convent of St. Cuthbert, forbidding them to implead or derain on any account in the land of Swintun, before the matter come before him. The King adds, "I tell thee also, Sir Prior, that I have much to "say to thee privately on many subjects with what speed may be." No date. [1107–1134.] Seal.

X. Charter by King Alexander I. to the Monks of St. Cuthbert, confirming that granted them by his brother Edgar, expressly with respect to the land lying between Horevoredane and Cnapedane. No date. [1107–1124.] Seal.

XI. Charter by Earl David to Bishop John and Colban and Cospatric. The monks of St. Cuthbert, having produced his brother, King Edgar's, charter, the dispute between them and the Earl's drengs is settled, and they are to enjoy all the privileges conceded them in the charter. Witnessed by the Earl's nephew William, Osbern the Chaplain, and Hugh de Moreville. No date. Seal.

XII. Charter by Earl David to Bishop John, brother, Cospatric, Colban, and Robert, and all his faithful thanes and drengs of Lothian and Tevegetedale, confirming all previous grants made by himself and his brother Edgar, including that of Swintun, to the monks of St. Cuthbert. Witnessed by Queen Matilda and her son William and John the Bishop. No date.

XIII. Charter by Earl David to Prior Algar and the Brethren of Durham, granting them Swinton as freely and fully as his brother Edgar had placed his gift thereof to them upon the altar. Witnessed by Matilda the Queen and her son William. No date.

XIV. Thor the Long to Earl David. King Edgar had given him Ednahan, then waste. By the King's aid he had inhabited it, and raised from the foundations a church, which the King had dedicated to St. Cuthbert, and endowed with a carucate of land. He has granted this church to the said saint and his monks, for the health of the souls of King Edgar and his father and mother, and of King Alexander and Queen Matilda, and prays the Earl to confirm the grant. No date. Seal.

XV. Charter by King David I. to the Monks of Durham, comprising a grant of lands in Lothian; to wit: Coldingeham, Aldecambes, Lumesdene, Ristun, Renintune, Swinewde, Prenegest, Eitun, another Eitun, Crammesmutham, Lambretun, another Lambretun, Paxtun, Fiswic, and Swintun. Dated at Peebles, 1126, and witnessed by the King's son Henry, Bishop John, Robert de Brus, Herebert the Chancellor, Ascelin the Archdeacon, Payn de Braiosa, Hugo Briton, Berenger d'Engayne, Sheriff Gospatric, and Aimar. Seal.

XVI. Charter by King David to the Church of Holyrood in Edinburgh, comprising a grant of the castle church and as much of the enquiry, by combat and ordeal, by water and fire, as pertains to the ecclesiastical dignity; Salectun; the church and parish of St. Cuthbert; Kyrchetune and the land beneath the castle, stretching from the well in the corner of the King's garden, along the road leading to the church of St. Cuthbert, as far as a crag under the eastern portion of the castle; the chapels of Crostorfin and Libertune; all the tithes and payments of living and dead of Legbernard, which Macbeth Ber gave to the same church; the church of Hereth, and all the land granted by King David to Abbot Alwin with a salt work in Hereth and 26 acres of land; liberty of erecting a mill; Broctun; Inverlet; Petendreia; Hamere; Forda; the hospital with a carucate of land; an annual rent of 40*s.* in the King's burgh of Edinburgh; an annual rent of 100*s.* out of the King's "cane" * of Perth for the canons' vestments, viz., from the dues paid by the first merchant ships touching at Perth and, in default of any such ships, 40*s.* from the King's rent in Edinburgh, 200*s.* from Stirling and 40*s.* from Perth; a toft in Stirling and one draw-net for fishing; a toft in Edinburgh; a toft in Berwick; two draw-nets in Scypwel; a toft in Remfry and a draw-net for salmon and free fishery of herrings; an annual rent of 10*l.* for lighting and repairing the church; liberty to take timber for repair of the church and the canons' houses and other purposes, and pannage for their hogs in the woods and forests of Stirlingshire and Clackmannan; a moiety of the suet, lard, and hides

* A tribute consisting of small articles wherewith a vassal is bound to supply his lord's table, —the rude produce of the soil payable to the landlord in contradistinction to money payments.

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from the shambles of Edinburgh; a tithe of all the whales and sea monsters falling to the King from Avin as far as Colbrandespade, and a tenth of all the King's pleas and profits within the same limits; a moiety of the King's tithe of his "cane," and his pleas and profits of Kentyre and Errogeil; all skins of rams, ewes, and lambs of the castle of Linlitcu dying in the King's demesne; eight chalders* of barley, eight of flour and 30 cartloads of firewood from Libertune; one of the King's mills at Dene; a tenth of the mills of Libertune, Dene, and Edinburgh, and as much "craggenemarf"† as the King has in his demesne and as Vuieth the White gave them in alms from the same crag; Herbergate, a burgh between the church [of Holyrood] and the King's burgh; liberty of free buying and selling in the King's market, and freedom from forcible appropriation of their bread, ale, and other wares; exemption from all toll and custom; no one to levy a fine upon the lands of Holyrood, unless the Abbot refuse justice, and the Abbot to hold his court as freely and fully as the Bishop of St. Andrews, the Abbot of Dunfermline, and the Abbot of Kelcou hold theirs. Witnessed by Robert Bishop of St. Andrew, John Bishop of Glasgow, Henry the King's son, William the King's grandson, Eadward the Chancellor, Herebert the Chamberlain, Earl Gillemichael, Gospatric the brother of Dolfin, Robert de Montague, Robert de Burneville, Peter de Brus, Sheriff Norman, Ogg, Leising, Gillise, William of Graham, Turstan of Erectune, Bleine the Archdeacon, Aelfric the Chaplain, and Waleran the Chaplain. No date. [1124–1153.] Seal.

XVII. Charter by King David I. to the Monks of St. Mary of Melrose, comprising a grant of Melrose, Eldune, and Dernewic; pasture, wood, and pannage in the forests of Selkirk and Trauequair; free fishing in the Tweed; Galtuneshalech and all the land and wood of Galtunesside as settled by the King, Prince Henry, and Abbot Richard of Melrose, on Friday the morrow of the Ascension in the second year of the capture of King Stephen of England. Witnessed by Henry the King's son, Bishop John, William the King's grandson, William the Chancellor, Earl Maddoc, Robert de Umfraville, Hugh de Moreville, Walter son of Alan, Hugo Briton, Osbert de Ardene, Gervas Ridel, William de Summerville, Richard Gernun, Richard the Englishman, William de Lindsay, Ascelin the Archdeacon, Jordan the Clerk, Estmund the Almoner, and many others. Erchelden, June. [1142.]

XVIII. Two pages of the book of Deer, containing the genealogy of our Saviour and a charter by King David I. to the Clerks of Deer. Witnessed by Gregory Bishop of Dunkeld, Andrew Bishop of Caithness, Sampson Bishop of Brechin, Doncad Earl of Fife, Malmor "dat hotla," Ggillebrite Earl of Angus, Ggillecoded Mac Œd', Broc, Cormac de Terbrud, Adam Mac Ferdomnac, and Gillendrias Mac Matiu. At Aberdeen. No date.

XIX. Charter by King David I. to Robert de Brus, comprising a grant of Estrahanent and all the land from the bounds of Dunegal de Strauit to the bounds of Randulph Meschin. Witnessed by Eustace son of John, Hugh de Moreville, Alan de . . . . . , William de Sumerville, Berenger d'Engayne Randulph de Sules, William de Moreville, Hervey son of Warin, and Ædmund the Chamberlain. At Scone. No date. [1124–1153.]

XX. Charter by King David I. to Robert de Brus, erecting Annandale into a forest. Witnessed by Walter the Chancellor, Hugh de Moreville, Walter son of Alan, Odenel de Umfraville, Walter de Lindesay, and Richard de Moreville. At Stap . . . . rtune. [1124–1153.]

XXI. Charter by King David I. and Prince Henry to the King's Knight Hernulf, comprising a grant of Swintun, as freely and fully as ever Liulf the son of Edulf and his son Udard held it, rendering an annual rent of 40*s.* to the monks of Durham. Witnessed by William the son of Duncan, Madoc "Consul," Earl Duncan, Ralph Nuuel, Marsel Marmiun, Walter son of Alan, Herbert the Chamberlain, Adam the son of Edward, and William de Lindesay. At Haddington. [1124–1153.] Seal.

XXII. Charter by King David I. to his Knight Arnulf, comprising a grant of Swintun, as freely and fully and by the same service as Udard the Sheriff held it of the monks of Durham. Witnessed by William the King's grandson, Earl Madoc, Earl Duncan, Hugh de Moreville, and Walter son of Alan. At Traquair. [1124–1153.] Seal.

XXIII. Charter by Henry the King's son to the Monks of St. Cuthbert, confirming a grant of Swintun, made to them by his father King David and his uncle King Edgar. Witnessed by Eustace son of John, Robert de Umframville, Herbert the Chamberlain, Gilbert de Umframville, and William de Sumerville. At Huntingdon. Seal.

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* A measure containing 16 bolls.
† Possibly limestone.

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XXIV. Charter by Earl Henry the King's son to the Monks of Coldingham, comprising a grant of Fiswike, half Prendergast, and land in Coldingham and Lummesdone. Witnessed by Hingelram the Chancellor and William de Somerville. No date. Seal.

XXV. Charter by Earl Gospatric, the brother of Dolfin, to the Monks of St. Cuthbert, comprising a grant of the vill and church of Ederham and the vill of Nesebite. Witnessed by William son of Duncan and Gospatrick his son, Ulkil son of Meld, Randulph de Lindesay, [Swan] the Priest, John the Chaplain, Gospatrick son of Crin, and Aldan his brother, and Lambert the Sewer. "*Quicunque hoc abstulerit, "Deus sibi et hanc vitam et regnum cœlorum auferat.*" No date. Seal.

XXVI. Charter by Walter de Lindesay to the Monks of St. Mary of Kelso, comprising a grant of the church of Ercheldune, with a carucate of land. Witnessed by his son William, Hugh the Clerk, William the Chaplain, John the Chaplain of Sprostune, Richard the Priest of Botheldin, and Robert the Scribe. No date. Seal.

XXVII. Charter by Robert Bishop of St. Andrew's, notifying that he had in the presence of King David, Thurstan Archbishop of York, Ranulph Bishop of Dunkeld, John Bishop of Glasgow, Ralph Abbot of St. Alban's, and others, convoked Prior Algar of St. Cuthbert of Durham before the gate of the church of St. John the Evangelist in Roxburgh, and had there for himself and his successors released the church of Coldingham from all claim, custom, "cane and conveth,"* and other service due to the see, on the 16th kalends of August in the Feast of St. Kenelm, martyr in the year of our Lord 1127. Witnessed by Robert the Bishop's brother, Blane the Priest of Liticu, Aldulf the Priest of Aldeham, ... the Priest of Nienhale, Orm the Priest of Edenham, John the Priest of Ledgardeswde, Godwin the Sewer, Godwin the Bishop's chamberlain, Balsan, and many other clerks and laymen.

XXVIII. Robert Bishop of St. Andrew's notifies that a convention has been made between the mother church of Hedenham and the chapel of Neuetun, before him and Hugo the Constable; to wit: that the mother church is to have all the tithes, &c., of Neutun; and that the monks of Coldingham are to perform mass in the chapel three times a week and at Christmas, the Purification, "Dies Tenebrarum,"† Easter, Rogation Sunday, and Pentecost; and on St. Cuthbert's day to attend the mother church. And if the men of Nentun commit forfeiture of tithes or other dues, to the prejudice of the mother church, by reason of this chapel, Divine service is to be discontinued there till the church be reconciled. Witnessed by Turold the Archdeacon, Monk Roger and Monk Waldhef, Aulf the Chaplain, Ralph the Chaplain, Suan and Gocelin the Priests, and Robert the Clerk. No date. [1124–1153.] Seal.

XXIX. Charter by King Malcolm IV. to the Church of the Holy Trinity of Scone, comprising a grant of a tenth of all the bread of the King's house on the north side of Lambremor; all the lamb and sheep skins belonging to the royal kitchen, except the sixth skin; half the suet, dripping, and lard from the same kitchen; one cow or ox hide every Sunday out of Lent, except the sixth; half the hides of cattle slaughtered for the King's use; and half the suet and lard from the shambles on the north of the river Tay. Witnessed by Engleram the Chancellor and Walter son of Alan the Sewer. At Stirling. [1153–1165.]

XXX. Charter by King Malcolm IV., empowering the Prior of Goldingham to take fugitive serfs justly belonging to Goldingham wherever he can find them. Witnessed by Walter the Chancellor and Hugh de Moreville. At Berwick. [1153–1165.]

XXXI. Charter by King Malcolm IV., empowering the Prior and Monks of Collingham to take their own men from any portion of their lands for the purpose of building houses in the vill of Collingham. Witnessed by Walter the Chancellor, Herbert the Chamberlain, Richard the Chaplain, and Nicholas the Clerk. At Collingham. [1153–1165.]

XXXII. Charter by King Malcolm IV. to the Monks of Kelso, confirming that of his grandfather King David, who had translated the abbey from Selkirk, where he had founded it, to Kelso on the banks of the Tweed at Roxburgh. This charter comprises grants of the vill of Kelso and a certain piece of land on the road leading to Neithanesthurn; the offerings of the King and his retinue whenever they attend Divine service there; twelve chalders of barley from Edenhan mill every year; liberty of digging peat on Edenham moor; 40*s.* yearly rent in Roxburgh; a toft near St. James's

* Cane,—see note to No. XVI. Conveth,—Chalmers derives this word from "Cean-mhaith," which is pronounced Cean-vath, first fruits; and Spottiswoode from "Can," a tribute, and "Bheatha" life. aliment. But Dr. Jamieson conjectures it to be a corruption of the Latin word "convictus," *i.e.*. payments in kind for the sustenance of the monks.

† Dies Tenebrarum—the three days next before Easter day.

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church; another in Newburgh; and the land formerly belonging to Walter the Mason; the churches of the said burgh, and half the toft formerly belonging to Aculph; 20 chalders of meal and corn from the burgh mills, and a seventh part of the fishery; a carucate of land, &c., in Sprostune, with the church; two bovates of land near Presterbridge, in exchange for a like quantity given by the monks out of land belonging to the church of St. Lawrence of Berwick; the vill of Raveden; right of pasture and turbary in Sprostune; a carucate of land and a yearly rent of 40*s.* in Berwick, with a moiety of the fishery called Berewicstrem; a seventh part of the mills there, and the lands of Dodin and Waltheve son of Ernobold; the vill of Middelham and Botheldene; 30 acres of the territory of Lillesclive, and a tenth of the mill there; Vhitelaw and Vhitemere; land, fishery, timber, and fire-wood in Selkirk; the church and half a carucate in "the other" Selkirk, and the church and land of Lesmagu; Traverlen and the crag belonging to it; a toft, a ship, and fishing for one net in Rinfriu; a toft in Edenburg, Hadigtun, Pebbles, and Lannarch; the church of Keth; a moiety of the oil of whales, &c., caught in the Forth; a tenth of beasts, swine, and cheese of Galweie; a tenth of cheese in Tuedale; a moiety of the hides, lard, and suet of beasts slaughtered for the royal kitchen; the skins of rams and lambs; a tenth of the hides of harts and hinds taken by the King's huntsmen; and a salt work in Karsach. The King also confirms the grants of the churches of Hom and Fogho by Earl Gospatric, the church of Macchuswel by Herbert of Macchuswel, the church of Simprig by Hye and his son Peter, the church of St. Lawrence of Berwick by Robert son of William, the church of Malcarvaston by Walter Corbeth, the church of Molla by Uctred of Molla, the church of his vill by Withee, the church of Cambusneithan by William Finemund, and the church of Lintunrucheric by Richard Cumin. Witnessed by Herbert Bishop of Glasgow, William Bishop of Murray, Gregory Bishop of Dunkeld, William and David the King's brothers, and Ada the King's mother, the Abbots of Dunfermline, Jedworth, Newbottle, and Stirling, Godred, King of the Isles, and many others. 1159.

This document is headed with a handsome large illuminated initial letter, representing King Malcolm and King David seated on their thrones, and supposed to be the earliest piece of illumination extant in Scotland.

XXXIII. Charter by Waldeve son of Cospatric to Helias son of Huttred, comprising a grant of Dundas, with its appurtenances. Witnessed by John son of Orm, Waldeve son of Baldwin, Robert of St. Michael, Helias of Hadestanden, William of Copland, William of Hellebet, Aldan the Sewer, Herard the Knight, and John of Gragin. No date. [About 1159.]

XXXIV. Charter by Richard Bishop of St. Andrew's to the Monks of St. Andrew's, comprising grant of the abbey of Lohlevene, with all its appurtenances; to wit: Kirkness; half the vill of Urcha; the vill ecclesiastic of Sconin; 20 "mellæ"* of cheese and one hog from Marcinche; 20 mellæ of cheese, four mellæ of barley, and one hog from Athmor; 20 mellæ of barley from Balecristin; 20 mellæ of cheese and one hog from Bolgin son of Horfin; the tenth of the Bishop's house "de Insula;" and the books, vestments, &c., belonging to the abbey. Witnessed by Gregory Bishop of Dunkeld, William Abbot of Holyrood, Magh Archdeacon of St. Andrew's, Master Andrew of Lothian, Master Herbert, Master Abraham, Aiulf the Dean, Alexander the Chaplain, Neis son of William, Stephen the Clerk, Geoffrey of Lassuad, Cuthbert the Chaplain of Kilconchat, and Odo the Sewer. No date. [1153–1165.]

XXXV. Charter by King William I. to the Monks of Scone. This Charter is addressed "to all the merchants of England," and comprises grant of "cane" and the customs of one ship, with exemption of tolls, &c., except to the King and Abbot for all merchants not belonging to Scotland who shall choose to trade with Scotland in the same. Witnessed by Andrew Bishop of Caithness, Nicholas the Chancellor, Walter son of Alan the Sewer, and Matthew the Archdeacon. At Dunfermline. [1165–1185.]

XXXVI. Charter by King William I. to the Monks of Scone, confirming that of King Malcolm granting them right of ordeal by combat, fire and water. Witnessed by Andrew Bishop of Caithness, Nicholas the Chancellor, Earl Duncan, Walter son of Alan, David Olifard, Gilbert de Hunf[ramvile] Richard Cumin, Hugo Ridel, Robert de Quinci, and Bernard son of Brien. At Dunfermline. [1165–1185.]

XXXVII. Charter by King William I. to the Abbot of Scone, granting him right of recapture of his fugitive serfs. Witnessed by Andrew Bishop of Caithness, Nicholas the Chancellor, Walter son of Alan the Sewer, and Matthew the Archdeacon. At Dunfermline. [1165–1185.]

XXXVIII. Charter by King William I. to the Church of St. Mary of Jedworth, confirming the following grants; to wit: of the monastery of Jedworth, and the chapel founded in the woodland-pasture over against Xernwingeslawe; a tenth of the royal

* Mellæ—mail, or meel, a Scottish measure equal to seven and a half stones.

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venison in Thevietdale, Ulveston, Alnechive near Alnecrumb, Crumesethe, and Rapeslawe; a masure in Rochburgh, and two in Berwick; a piece of water over against the island called Tonsmidhop; Eardwardsle; pasture and timber; multure of Jedworth Castle mill; a salt work near Stirling; and "Rulam Herevei," with all its appurtenances,—made by King David. Of the churches of Barton and Grendon; a toft and 7 acres in Jedworth; exemption from demands by the King's servants for casks of wine emptied in the canons' houses in Berwick; and a fishery in the Tweed,—made by King Malcolm. Of land in Craaling,—by Sheriff Gospatric. A mark of silver, two bovates of land, a villain, and toft, and two other bovates and tofts, for the sustenance of the chaplain of the vill of Craaling,—by Berenger d'Engayne. A tenth of Craaling mill,—by David Olifard. A carucate of land in the other Craaling,—by Orm son of Eilav. Two bovates of land in Scrauesb' and two in Langet' by Richard the Englishman. Of Cavern,—by Gamel the Clerk, with the consent of his sons Osulf and Ughtred. Of Ughtredsxaghe,—by Margaret wife of Thomas of London, with the consent of the said Thomas and her son Henry Lovel. A third part of the vill of Xeruwingesle,—by Christiana wife of Gervas Ridel. The church of Oxenham, with common of pasture and fuel; and Niwebigginghe, with common of pasture and fuel,—by Ralph de Perci. A carucate of land, with common of pasture, in Rughechestre,—by Ralph son of Duneg' and his wife Bethoc. The religious house of Lidl and the church of Kircheandrew,—by Turgot of Rossedale. Forty-two acres of land where the Esch and Lidl meet, and liberty of the water of the Lidl, from the dyke to the church of Lidl,—by Guy de Rossedale. The churches of Liddlesdale and Dodint, with half a carucate of land in Nasebith,—by Ranulph de Sol'. The church of Aldboldsle,—by Gervas Ridel. And a carucate of land in Caredene, with common easement of the vill,—by William de Veteri Ponte. Witnessed by Richard Bishop of St. Andrew's, Engelram Bishop of Glasgow, John Abbot of Kelso, Everard Abbot of Holcultram, Nicholas the Chancellor, Matthew Archdeacon of St. Andrew's, Richard the Chaplain, Walter son of Alan, Richard de Moreville, Philip des Valonges, Robert Avenel, Bernard son of Brien, Gilbert son of Richer, and David Ovieth. At Peebles. [1165–1174.]

XXXIX. Charter by King William I. to Robert de Brus, granting him Annandale, with all its appurtenances, free of everything except royalties due to the King for treasure trove, murder, premeditated assault, feme forcée, arson, and rape. Witnessed by Engleram Bishop of Glasgow, Christian Bishop of Withern [Galloway], Richard de Moreville, Walter son of Alan the Sewer, Odenel de Umfraville, Henry Luvel, Hubert son of Fergus, Gilbert son of Fergus, Robert son of Truite, Walter of Windsor, Walter Corbet, Gilbert son of Richer, Rolland son of Huched, William de Hay, William de Mortemer, Roger de Mimet', Simon Locard, Hugh the King's clerk, Robert de Chartres, and Richard the Clerk. At Lochmaban. [1165–1174.] Seal.

XL. Charter by King William I. to the Burgh of Ayr. Witnessed by Florence, elect of Glasgow, Chancellor, Walter and William the King's chaplains, Philip des Valonges the Chamberlain, Robert of Loudon (?), William de Bosch and Hugo the King's clerks, William des Valonges, Thomas de Colville, and Reginald de Craufurd. At Lanark. May 21. [About 1202.]

XLI. Charter by Jocelin Bishop of Glasgow to the Monks of St. Mary of Melrose, granting them the toft in the burgh of Glasgow which Ranulph de Hadintun built on the first erection of the burgh for the use of the monastery of Melrose. Witnessed by Hugh Abbot of . . . . , Symon . . . . of Glasgow, John, Helyas, Philip, Baldwin, Hugh, and Herbert, Canons of Glasgow, William and Walter . . . . Ala . . . Erkembald de Dueglas, Robert de Mungumbri, Hugo de Paduin, and Aleray the Seneschal. No date. [1174–1199.] Seal.

XLII. Charter by Florence, elect of Glasgow, to the Monks of St. Mary of Melrose, granting them the toft in the burgh of Glasgow which Ranulph de Hadintune built on the first erection of the burgh for the use of the monastery of Melrose. Witnessed by Ralph Bishop of Down [formerly Prior of Melrose], R. Abbot of Kinlos, Master I. the Official, Benedict the Chaplain, Master Terri, Hugh Luvel, William de Paris, and many others. No date. [About 1202.] Seal.

XLIII. Letters Patent by Philip Count of Flanders and Vermandois, granting the Monks of Melrose full liberty of transit through his territories, with entire exemption from toll or other demand; and threatening to visit his wrath upon any of his subjects who shall dare to take advantage of a possible rupture between themselves and the English to lay hands on the brethren or their goods. No date. [1168–1191.] Seal.

XLIV. Charter by Earl Waldeve to the Monks of Melrose, granting them common of pasture upon Lambremore. Witnessed by the Countess Aelina, Ralph the Chaplain, John the Chaplain, Walter the Chaplain, Hugo de Duns, Patrick the Earl's brother, Edward the Earl's uncle, Gilbert Fraser, Adam son of Alden, Alden the

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Seneschal, Gamel de Pethcox, Adam de Foghou, Gilbert son of Walter, Stephen Papedi, Warin Lemalla, Adam son of Eggar, and Adam de Edintun. No date.

XLV. Letters Patent by O. Abbot of Kelso, testifying to the agreement, made in the presence of King William and Earl David at Edinburgh, between Roger, elect of S. Andrew's, and Prior Bertram and the Monks of Durham, concerning the condition of the said monks' churches in Lothian, and afterwards recited and completed in the synod at Muschelburgh, in the year of the Incarnation of our Lord 1200. Seal.

XLVI. Charter by King Richard I. of England, whereby he restores the King and realm of Scotland to their former independence. Witnessed by B[aldwin] Archbishop of Canterbury, W[alter] Archbishop of Rouen, J[ohn] Archbishop of Dublin, H[ugh] Bishop of Durham, H[ugh] Bishop of Lincoln, G[odfrey] Bishop of W[inchester], H[ubert] Bishop of Salisbury, [Reginald] Bishop of Bath, J . . . . . , R[obert] Earl of Leicester, H[amelin] Earl of Ga . . . . . , [Warren] . . . . . Bardol, and S[imon] de Longchamp the King's Sewer. . . . . December. Given by the hand of [William] elect of Ely, the Chancellor. [December 5, 1189.] [In very bad condition.]

XLVII. Bull by Pope Honorius III., acknowledging the independence of the Scottish church. Witnessed by Guy Bishop of Palestina, Peter Bishop of Sabina, Leo titular cardinal priest of St. Cross in Jerusalem, Stephen cardinal priest of the church of the Twelve Apostles, Gregory titular cardinal priest of S. Anastasia, Thomas titular cardinal priest of S. Sabina, Guy cardinal deacon of S. Nicholas in Carcere Tulliano, Octavian cardinal deacon of SS. Serge and Baccus, Gregory cardinal deacon of S. Theodore, Stephen cardinal deacon of S. Adrian, Aldebrand cardinal deacon of S. Eustace, and Giles cardinal deacon of SS. Cosmus and Damian. Given at the Lateran by the hand of Ranerius, Vice-chancellor of the Holy Roman Church, on the 11 kalends of December 1218. . . . . .

XLVIII. Charter by King Alexander II. to the Monks of Pluscardine, comprising grants of 20 nets on Inverspe, the mill of Elgin, the mills formerly belonging to the castle of Foreys, and the mill of Dulpothin, with timber and stone for repairs thereof; the lands of Fernanan, Thulidoni, Kep, and Kyntellock, in exchange for 24 nets upon the water of Findin, and exemption from all toll and custom, and from capture of their ships for any other debts than their own. Witnessed by William Bishop of Glasgow, Chancellor of Scotland, Andrew Bishop of Murray, William Abbot of Dunfermline, Herbert Abbot of Kelchoch, Ralph Abbot of Aberbruthoth, Gilbert Abbot of Holyrood, Patrick Earl of Dunbar, Malcolm Earl of Fife, Walter Cumin Earl of Menteith, Roger de Quinci, Constable of Scotland, William son of Alan, Steward and Justiciary of Scotland, Walter Olifard, Justiciary of Lothian, Ingerram de Balliol, Roger Avenel, Walter Bileth, Thomas son of Ranulph, Archebald of Dufglas, and David Marischel. At Edinburgh Castle. April 7, 1236.

XLIX. Charter by King Alexander II., confirming an agreement made before him and his barons, 1225, between the Monks of Melrose and Roger Avenel, on account of the said Roger having stabled his horses and those of his followers on the monks' land in Eskedal, pulled down their houses, destroyed their fosses, and committed other outrages against them. He covenants, therefore, to have no manner of cattle, domestic or wild animals, on their land; the "salvagina"* mentioned in his charter, and which the King and barons interpret to mean that he may take deer, boars, and roe, being saved to him. The monks are not to meddle maliciously with the eyries of falcons and sparrow-hawks in any place where the birds are wont to build, or to take their nests, or to cut down any trees bearing such nests before obtaining proof that the birds have ceased building thereon. People in the employment of the monks are not to be called thieves or trespassers unless taken in open misdeed. The monks are not to hunt with packs of hounds and ropes or snares, except for the purpose of catching wolves. Witnessed by A[ndrew] Bishop of Murray, and O[sbert] Bishop of Dumblane, W[alter] Earl of Menteith, W[illiam] son of Alan, Steward of Scotland, W[alter] Olifard, Justiciary of Lothian, Henry de Balliol, David Marischal, and Geoffrey the Clerk of Livery. April 8, 1236. Seal.

L. Charter by King Alexander II. to Malcolm Earl of Fife of the earldom of Fife. Witnessed by Ralph Abbot of Aberbroth, J. Abbot of Lundors, Innocent Abbot of Incheafran, Thomas of Stirling, Archdeacon of Glasgow, Robert Earl of Strathern, Malcolm Earl of Angus, Philip de Mubray, Peter de Valonges, Robert son of Robert de Ros, and Walter Byset. At Perth. March 25, 1225.

LI. Letter from King Alexander II. to King Henry III. of England, informing him that he has empowered the bearers, his clerk, H. de Mortemer, and H. de Stirling, his kinsman, to prorogue the day fixed for the marriage of himself and King

* Salvagina—Gallice, Sauvagine—wild animals.

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Henry's sister [the Princess Joan] ; to wit, Monday next after Trinity Sunday, if there should be any necessity for so doing. Edinburgh Castle. April 24 [1221].

LII. Charter by Andrew Bishop of Murray to the Monks of Pluscardin, releasing them from payment of tithes for the mills and other property granted them in King Alexander's charter. Subscribed by the Bishop, William the Præcentor, William the Chancellor, William the Archdeacon, Walter the Subdeacon, and John and Andrew, canons of Murray, William canon of R . . . . . , John canon of Ernuidal, R. Canon of . . . . . , and Archibald canon of Croyn. 1237.

LIII. Charter by Walter son of Alan, the Steward of Scotland, to the Monks of Melrose, confirming that made to them by his grandfather Walter. Witnessed by William the Steward's chaplain, Malcolm son of the Earl of Leuenaus the Steward's grandson, John de Mundegumeri, Roger son of Glay, William de Haukerest, Alan the Welshman, Humphrey de Bosco, John de Lindesay, Hugh son of Simon son of Bertin and many others. No date. [About 1230.] Seal.

LIV. Charter whereby Bertram son of Adam, of Little Riston, sells his serf Turkil Hog and all his issue, to the monks of Coldingham, in consideration of the three marks which they gave him in his "great need." Witnessed by William Lord of Mordingt', Walter and Andrew de Paxton, Adam de Riston, John son of Helyas, Maurice de Ayton, Adam de Prendergast, and many others. No date. Seal.

LV. Charter by Robert de Vere, Earl of Oxford, to the Monks of Melrose, comprising grant of four acres of arable land in Old Roxburgh upon Tweedslat, and confirmed by the Earl having placed a wand upon the high altar of their monastery. Witnessed by W[alter] Bishop of Glasgow, R. Dean of Alnecrom, Ralph the Constable of Roxburgh, John the Chaplain of Bonkil, Gregory of Ruthirfurd, Helias the Parson of Old Roxburgh, Richard of Heton, Bernard of Hawden, and many others. No date. [1214–1233.] Seal.

LVI. Charter by Thomas, Prior, and the Convent of Coldingham to John de Hunsinghoure, comprising a grant of the carucate of land in Renigton, which he bought of Patrick Dreng. Witnessed by Walter of London and his son William, Henry de Prendergest and his son Adam, Gregory the Seneschal, Helyas de Prendergest, William de Lumsdene, Walter de Edenham, Andrew de Paxton, Ralph the Reve, and many others. No date. Seal.

LVII. Charter whereby Adam de Prendergest sells his serf Reginald, with all his sequel, to Patrick de Prendergest, in consideration of the 20 marks sterling which the said Patrick gave him in his great need. Witnessed by Richard Prior of Coldingham, William de Norwinton, Sheriff of Berwick, Alan de Suinton, Thomas de Nesbite, Robert de Paxton, Robert son of Reginald, Robert the Seneschal's son, David de Lungesdene, Gilbert de Lungesdene, Adam son of John, Patrick Scot, Thomas the Frank, and many others. Dated Saturday before the Feast of St. Gregory, 1240, in the full court of the Prior of Ayton. Seal.

LVIII. Charter whereby Henry de Prendergest sells his serf Joseph son of Elwold, and all his issue, to the monks of Coldingham, in consideration of the three marks which they gave him in his great need. Witnessed by Ralph the Archdeacon and his son John, Elyas de Prendergest and his son Adam, Richard the Forester and his son Richard, Richard de Riston, William de Lummesdene, Adam of Little Riston, Maurice son of Merlin and his brother Reginald, Adam son of Ilif de Aldengrave, Uctred son of Coleman and his son Roger, Reginald of Little Riston and his son William, Adam son of Elgi, Walter and Robert de Edenham, Ralph the Reve, &c., and the whole court at Homelescoul. No date. Seal.

LIX. Charter whereby Robert de Prendergest sells his serf Osulf the Red, his son Walter, and all their issue, to the monks of Coldingham, in consideration of the ten marks which they gave him in his great need. Witnessed by Patrick son of Alden, Henry de Prendergest, Alan de Swintun, Helyas of Higher Eyton, Elyas de Prendergest, William de Lumesdene, Adam de Riston, Reginald de Riston, Reginald son of Merlin, his brother Maurice, and many others. No date. Seal.

LX. Charter by King Alexander III. to the Monks of Melrose, confirming to them the privileges allowed to all persons by the common law of Scotland, of spending one night in and pasturing their horses upon any feof through which they may happen to pass when engaged in travelling from one part of the country to another. Witnessed by Hugh de Abirnithin, William Comin of Kellebride, and John de Lambirton. At Melrose. July 21, 1265. Seal.

LXI. Charter by King Alexander III. to Robert de Brus the father, between whom and the King a dispute had arisen touching the advowson, church revenues, rights, and franchises in Annandale fallen to the King by reason of the vacancy of the see of Glasgow; but the said Robert having, on the Friday next after the Annunciation of Our Lady, 1270, appeared at Scone and acknowledged the King's right thereto, and the penalties to which he had subjected himself in consequence of his

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"hubliance," his forgetfulness thereof, the King is pleased to pardon him and confirm him in all the franchises which he and his heirs may "par droit et par reson" possess in Annandale. Witnessed by Richard Bishop of Dunkeld, Alexander Cumyn, Earl of Buchan and Justiciary of Scotland, William Earl of Mar, Gilbert de Hunfrancvile Earl of Angus, John Cumyn the father, and Hugh de Berkeley, Justiciary of Lothian. At Scone. March 28, 1270. Seal.

LXII. Letter from King Alexander III. to King Henry III. of England, praying him to relax his order for knighting Walter de Lindesay until the said Walter shall have returned from his pilgrimage to St. James of Compostella, and then to permit King Alexander to knight him himself. Durris. August 28, 1561.

LXIII. Letter from King Alexander III. to King Edward I. of England, praying his assent to the marriage of Christiana widow of Walter de Lyndesay with Walter de Percey. Lochcumbrae. September 23, 1275.

LXIV. Letter from King Alexander III. to King Edward I. of England, praying him to excuse the temporary absence of Alexander Cumyn Earl of Buchan, Constable and Justiciary of Scotland, whom he has despatched on important business to the remote parts of the Scottish Islands; he being prepared to render the aid due by him, for the land which he holds in England, by serving in Wales. Scone. July 1, 1282.

LXV. Letter from Alexander, Prince of Scotland, to "his dearest uncle" King Edward I. of England, praying him to inform him frequently of the state of his health, "to his recreation and solace." His own is excellent. Not having his own seal he makes use of that of William de Clare, his guardian. No date.

LXVI. Letter from Malise Earl of Strathern to King Henry III. of England. On Wednesday the Eve of Ascension day last past he received the King's letters, ordering him to repair in person to the presence of the Queen [Margaret] of Scotland, his daughter, and remain in attendance upon her, not permitting her to be removed to any place irksome to her imagination, "*menti suæ tædiosum,*" against her inclinations. And he promises the King, in this, as in all other matters touching his Royal person and that of his daughter, or the honour or advantage of either, joyfully to do his behests. St. Andrew's. The day of St. John before the Latin Gate. May 6, 1258.

LXVII. Letters Patent by Robert de Brus Earl of Carrick and his wife Margery, releasing the Abbot and Convent of Melrose, who claim to use the English law in Carrick, from any future interference at the hands of his servants, and from the seizure of the goods and chattels of any of their men condemned for murder or robbery in the Earl's court to his use. June 1, 1385. Two seals.

LXVIII. Four pages of the Berne MS., containing portions of the "Laws of Scotland," and of the "Laws and Customs of the Four Burghs of Edinburgh, Roxburgh, "Berwick, and Stirling, as constituted by David, King of Scotland." No date.

LXIX. Writ by W[illiam] Bishop of St. Andrew's, R[obert] Bishop of Glasgow, J. de Badenagh and J. Steward, Wardens of Scotland, to William de Soulys, Sheriff, and the Bailiff of Roxburgh, commanding them to attach Sir Richard Knout, Knight, to appear before the King at Edinburgh on Monday before Mid Lent, to answer complaints made against him by several persons of having accused them of entering into contracts and conventions in England against the customs of the Marches. Scone. Sunday the Feast of St. Gregory, Pope, 1289.

LXX. Letter from W[illiam] Bishop of St. Andrew's to King Edward I. of England. In obedience to the King's commands, his envoys and those of Scotland, who had been sent to him, met at Perth on the Sunday next after the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, together with some of the Scottish nobles, to hear the royal answer to the questions laid before him by the Scottish envoys. And this being done, they were on the point of setting out towards the Orkneys for the purpose of treating with the King of Norway's envoys and receiving their Royal Mistress, when a report reached their ears that the Queen was dead. At this news the whole of Scotland was much disturbed, and Robert de Brus, who at first had refused to attend the meeting, had made his appearance with a great puissance,—to what purpose they as yet know not; but the Earls of Mar and Athol had already summoned their forces, and with other nobles withdrawn to their own territories, so that civil war and great bloodshed is imminent unless the King provide some speedy remedy. Since that, however, intelligence has reached him, the Bishop of Durham and the Earl of Warren, that the Queen has recovered from her sickness, though still in a feeble condition; and they have therefore resolved to remain near Perth until further news of her state of health be forwarded to them by the knights who have been sent to the Orkneys, and if such news be favourable, to proceed there at once on their specified mission. They advise the King, if John de Balliol appear before him, to take care so to treat with him, that in any

No. 8.—Chronological List of Scottish Documents, &c.—*continued.*

event the royal honour and welfare be preserved; and if, which God forbid, the Queen be really dead, to come at once to the Marches of Scotland, to re-assure the people and stop the effusion of blood. Locris. Saturday the morrow of St. Faith, Virgin, October 7, 1290.

LXXI. Letters Patent by Florence Count of Holland, Robert de Brus Lord of Annandale, John de Balliol Lord of Galloway, John de Hastinges Lord of Bergeveny, John Comyn Lord of Badenough, Patrick de Dunbar Earl of March, John de Vescy (for his father), Nicholas de Soules, and William de Ros, the rival claimants of the Scottish crown, making over the kingdom of Scotland to King Edward I. of England, pending the delivery of his judgment on their respective rights, with the proviso that within two months after the delivery of such judgment the kingdom shall be restored to the successful claimant. Norham. Wednesday after Ascension day, June 6, 1291. Eight seals.

LXXII. Extract from the Roll of the Parliament of King John Balliol held at Scone, at which Brother John de Sotton, monk of Reading, and Master Hugh de Staunforth, clerk, proffer a writ dated at Reading the 16th kalends of February 1292, by William Abbot of Reading, constituting them his procurators and attorneys, to sue for and receive possession of his priory of May, in Scotland, with all its appurtenances, or the residue of the sum of money agreed upon for the same, and to obtain the royal confirmation of the transaction. At the close of the Parliament the said procurators were asked if they were prepared to repay the Bishop of St. Andrew's the 1,100 marks sterling which he had paid to Robert, the late Abbot of Reading; to which they replied that they were not sent there to make any payment of any money to the said Bishop, nor will they enter into any bond to do so: and they beg therefore that their petition be allowed to stand over as it is till the next Parliament, in order that they may consult the Abbot and the King of England on the subject. 1292-3.

LXXIII. Charter by King John Balliol to William de Silkysworth, granting him ten marcates of land in Colbanistun until he can provide him with the same quantity in some fitting place elsewhere. Witnessed by William Earl of Ross, Andrew Fraser, David de Beton, and Gilbert de Hay, Knights. At Stirling. November 21 [1292–1296]. Seal.

LXXIV. Indenture, whereby King John Balliol acknowledges himself to have received back the Rolls and Records of Scotland, which had been removed from Edinburgh Castle by Ralph Basset, who had been appointed warden of that castle by King Edward I. of England while the kingdom of Scotland was in his hands, by command of R[obert] Bishop of Bath and Wells, A[nthony] Bishop of Durham, W[illiam] Bishop of Ely, W[alter] de Langton, Keeper of the King's Wardrobe, and W[illiam] de Karleton, Baron of the Exchequer, to Roxburgh Castle, and are now restored into the hands of Alexander de Balliol, Chamberlain of Scotland. A long list of these Records is subjoined, but the whole document is in so bad a condition as to be nearly unreadable. It appears to be dated on the 20th or 30th of December 1292. Seal.

LXXV. Writ by King Philip IV. of France to his agents at the court of Rome, commanding them to request the Pope to take Sir William le Walois of Scotland, Knight, into his favourable notice, concerning the matters which he has to transact with him. Petrafons. Monday after All Hallows day [1285–1306].

LXXVI. Robert Bishop of Glasgow to John de Langeton, Chancellor of England, conjuring him, "*totis visceribus*," to write him news of the King's health and his own. He sends the Chancellor a little puppy dog of the best breed belonging to him by the hands of his familiar clerk, Master William de Lambirton, the bearer, and prays him to advance the matters which the said Master William, whom he has dispatched to foreign parts to promote his studies, will lay before him. No date. [1292–1302.]

LXXVII. Extent of the lands of Kylravoc and Estirgedeys, belonging to Hugh de Ros and Mariota his wife, made at Invernarn on Wednesday the Feast of St. Lawrence 1295, before a jury, who unanimously pronounce the value of both estates to be 36*l.* Five seals.

LXXVIII. Extract from the Ragman Roll, being the final clause attesting to its accuracy by Andrew, formerly clerk of William de Tang', of the diocese of York, and by authority of the Holy Apostolic See Notary Public, who had written the whole of it with his own hand. 1296.

Prepared and examined by

(Signed) William Basevi Sanders.

No. 9.—CHANCERY: SPECIMEN CALENDAR of BILLS and ANSWERS, before the Commencement of the regular Series. Prepared by WILLIAM TYLER, under the Superintendence of the DEPUTY KEEPER.

No. of Document.	Chancellor.	Plaintiffs.	Defendants.	Premises.	County.
1	Sir Thos. Audley.	Wm. Barlow and Mary his wife.	John Spendley -	Personalty.	
2	Sir Nich. Bacon	Robt. Applebye and Eliz. his wife.	George Bosworthe.	Barton.—Pasture -	Notts.
3	Temp. Eliz. -	Robt. Massey -	Meredith Trevor, Ralph Leche, Robt. ap Howell, and Quene Whever.	Halghton.—Lands, &c.	Denbigh.
4	Sir Thos. Audley.	William Howford -	Thos. Wade, Wm. Raffe, Wm. Bosseworth, and Ric. Smeley.	Clipston.—Lands -	Northt.
5	Sir John Puckering	James Crooke -	Roger Darnall, Robt. Marshall, Thos. Cornam, and Thos. Cooper.	The Sooke (near Winchester). —Messuage or Burgage under St. Gyles Hyll.	Southt.
6	Sir Richd. Rich.	John Davyson and Nich. Maynerd.	Humphry Grandorge.	Personalty.	
7		Matthew Foster -	Sir Wm. Selbye.	Do.	
8	Bp. of London	John Broun - -	Sir Wm. Barker and John May.	Strode, Cokeston.—messuages, &c.	Kent.
9	Abp. of Canterbury.	Thos. Gate - -	Katherine Chirche.	Personalty.	
10	Sir Thos. Audley.	Rt. Waddon and Joan his wife.	John Yong.	Do.	
11	Abp. of Canterbury.	Christ. Purfyssh and Eliz. his wife.	John Hogeson, Thos. Morpeth, and Thos. Bulle.	Pounfriet.—Lands, &c.	York.
12	Sir Nich. Bacon	William Savage, John Bayne, Hen. Crampe, John Atkenson, Thos. Caslen, Richd. Masselen, Thos. Dunwood, Wm. Cocke, Wm. Raynold, and others.	Weston Browne	Brentwood Free Grammar School.—Lands, &c.	Essex.
13	Sir Nich. Bacon	Rog. Bradshaw -	John and Robt. Roland.	Personalty.	
14	Sir Nich. Bacon	Thos. Pylsburie -	Thos. Chawner, *alias* Johnston, Alice his wife, and John Heath.	Do.	
15	Sir Thos. More	Robt. Hood - -	Stephen, Abbot of Byldwayes.	Do.	
16	Wm. Abp. of Canterbury.	John Blount and Kath. his wife.	Nich. Sutton -	Knyghtley Littil . . oune Hopton . . . sall Caldon Thyme Blythewod (Manors.) Ascenfeld.—3rd part of manors. Walton.—Lands - -	Stafford. Derby.
17	Thos. Ld. Cardinal, &c.	John Felowe -	Thos. Meke -	Wutton. — Messuage, &c.	Norfolk.
		[N.B.—Decree indorsed; bill dismissed with costs.]			
18	Sir Richd. Rich.	Harry Church -	Thos. Palley -	Thweyt.—Manors -	Norfolk.
19	Sir Rich. Bacon	Katherine Alderman.	Thos. Goldingham.	Belstead.—Lands -	Suffolk.

No. 9.—Chancery: Specimen Calendar of Early Bills, &c.—*continued.*

No. of Document.	Chancellor.	Plaintiffs.	Defendants.	Premises.	County.
20	Sir John Puckering.	Henry Powle -	Pierce Gallentine, John Parsons, Joan his wife, Richd. Troyt, and Rich. Baysond.	Leompster.—Messuage, &c.	Hereford.
21	Sir Thos. Audley.	Wm. Dykyns -	John Holden and Joys Turley.	. . . .—Lands, &c. -	Warwick.
22	Sir Thos. Audley.	Martin Docwra -	Sir Wm. Weston, Knt., Prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, in England.	Balsall.—manor and commandery. Wolna.—Manor - Temple Thyso.—Lawn called Temple Wolde.	Warwick.
23	Temp. Eliz. -	Ralph Rowlandson	Wm. Dickynson	Ayleton, *alias* Allington.—Mansion-house parish church, and glebe lands, tithes, &c., of the rectory and parsonage.	Hunts.
24	Sir Nich. Bacon	Edw. Baylie -	Margery Wooley	Personalty.	
25	Sir Thos. Wriothesley.	Robt. Parker -	John Hytch -	Hynkersell.—Messuage, &c.	Derby.
26	Sir Nich. Bacon	Robt. Clayton, Vicar of Bakewell.	Rog. Cotterell -	Buckston.—St. Anne's chapel and wells.	Derby.
27	Bp. of . . . [temp. Hen. VIII., vel Edw. VI.]	Ralph Calcott -	John Posyer and Robt. Redley -	Lalnbehith.—Messuage	Surrey.
28	Sir Nich. Bacon	Roger Lopes -	James Clawtier -	Personalty.	
29	Wm., Abp. of Canterbury.	Roger Grene -	Nich. Taillour -	Do.	
30	Sir Nich. Bacon	Robt. Appleby -	George Metecalfe	Do.	
31	Sir Thos. Audley.	Richd. Hyksett -	Wm. Meryall and Alice his wife.	Grynne [in the isle of Eryth]. —Tenement, &c.	Kent.
32	Nich. Abp. of York.	Thos. Assheton and Eliz. his wife.	Mary Countess of Northumberland, Nich. Sherclif, Robt. Sherclif, Hen. Seyton, Thos. Bearde, and Arthur Wilson.	Ecclesfelde, — Parsonage or priory and advowson of vicarage. Hallhartley.—Rent. Bradfelde.—Chapel. Sheffelde. — Portion within the limits of the parish church, with tithes, &c.	
33	Thos., Ld. Cardinal, &c.	James Kempe and Joan his wife.	Roger Richards and John Bulloke.	Rayleygh.—Messuage, &c.	Essex.
34	Abp. of Canterbury.	Wm. Thaxter -	Wm. Edward -	West Walton.—Land.	Norfolk.
35		Elys Gryff and Harry Nryff.	Robt. ap Jenn, and Lewis ap John ap Ithell.	Kardicham.—Lands, &c.	Flint.
36	Abp. of Canterbury.	Wm. Danyell and Hen. Wayte.	Wm. Pope, Ralph Dalton, Thos. Wygston, and Walter May.	Personalty.	
37	John, Ld. Cardinal, &c.	Wm. Munk - -	Thos. Wheteley, Anne his wife, Thos. Hill, John Vyncent, and Amy his wife.	Barnak.—Messuage, &c., held of the manor of Barnak.	Northt.
38	Thos., Ld. Cardinal, &c.	Wm. Smyth -	John Penne, Robt. Waller, and Thos. Anthony.	Agmersham, Colsell, Penne — Messuage called Silvers, Whelesden, and Croft. Meadow lands, &c., called—Homefeld, Middelfild, Holond, Dene, Marlyn Croft, The Acre Croft, The More.	Herts. & Bucks.
39	Sir Nich. Bacon	Alex. Reason -	Wm Barber -	Ippeswiche.—Houses -	Suffolk.

No. 9.—Chancery: Specimen Calendar of Early Bills, &c.—*continued.*

No. of Document.	Chancellor.	Plaintiffs.	Defendants.	Premises.	County.
40		John Coryn - -	Anthony Pye -	Bodmyn. — Tenement and garden in Castell Street.	Cornwall.
41	Thos. Ld. Ellesmere, 1605.	Thos. Whyte - -	Wm. Wittlesey.	Personalty.	
42	Sir John Puckering, 1592.	John Asshe - -	Thos. Collyer, — Thorley, Wm. Thorley, and Thos. Allen.	Longton Merelanende } Smythie called Smythie grenes.	Stafford.
43	John, Bp. of Lincoln, 1622.	Ralph Archedale -	James Nailor, Jane his wife, Geo. Stubbinge, sen., Geo. Stubbinge, jun., Jno. Chapman, Geo. Tentham, Hen. Howe, John Assh, *alias* Rogers, and Ann his wife.	Personalty.	
44	Sir Francis Bacon, 1617.	John Taylor, sen., and John Taylor, jun.	Katherine, John, and Wm. Deverell.	Melksham parish.—Tenement in Benaker and Whitley.	Wilts.
45	Sir Thos. Audley.	Thos. Fyndren and Margt. his wife.	Thos. Mawer -	Personalty.	
46	Sir Thos. Audley.	Thos. Lawden -	Wm. Horwood -	Do.	
47	Abp. of Canterbury.	Aleyn Sturmyn -	Robt. Sexton -	Laneham—Lands, &c.	
48	Lord Ellesmere	Eliz. Helleneshed -	John Beardmor, John Henshawe, Robt. Whithall, and Hen. Forde.	Personalty.	
49	Temp. Hen. VII.	Wm. Denbold -	Wm. Fursse -	Plymmouth, Lydeford, Waterfeld More Honyfeld, Suthcote. } Lands &c.	Devon.
		[Decree indorsed on bill, dismissed to be tried at law.]			
50	Nich. Abp. of York, 1559.	George Myddleton	Rich. Lowther -	Personalty.	
51	Lords Commissioners.	Thos. Rowe - -	Marg. Wood -	Do.	
52	Sir Thos. Egerton, 1593.	Jonnot Weddrell -	John Heslerton -	Hutton-upon-the-Hill. —Messuage, &c.	York.
53	Sir Thos. Egerton.	Sir Anthony Astley and Rich. Shipham.	Wm. Dowgill, Margt. his wife, and John Langley.	Lydeard, Millicent, Purton. } Manor of Lands, &c.	Wilts.
54	Thos. Lord Ellesmere.	Geo. Stevens - -	Geo. Chilcott, Thos. Bagott, John Ratcliffe, and Margt. his wife.	Exon.—Stable and garden in St. John.	Devon.
55	Sir Nich. Bacon, 1572.	Thos. Rocheford -	Cuthbert Squire	. . . . Messuage, &c. -	Hertford.
56	Wm. Abp. of Canterbury.	Edm. Lord Grey Wilton.	Sir Thos. Brian -	Purley.—Manor - -	Essex.
57	Sir Nich. Bacon, 1562.	John Cheyney -	Nich. Hacker -	London.—House, &c. in the parish of St. Botulph, Billingsgate.	Middlesex.
58	Thos. Bp. of Ely.	Nich. Smythe -	Robt. Wotton -	Personalty.	
59	Sir Thos. Audley.	John Wytt - -	Richard Farre, Alice his wife, and Wm. Bademan.	Lowe (?).—Tenement -	Somerset.
60	Bp. of London	Rich. Huett - -	John Godiscote and John White.	Personalty.	

No. 10.—Additions, in the Year 1866, to the Lists of Calendars, Indexes, &c., of Records in the Public Record Office, annexed to the Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, and Twenty-seventh Reports of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.

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2 & 3	Close Rolls	Indexes	1573 to 1862	Manuscript.	
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3	Decree Rolls	Index to Names of Persons in each suit.	James 1. to Geo. 3.	MS., 1 vol.	
3	Decrees	Calendar	8th Division. Parts 120 to 123 (inclusive).	Manuscript.	
3	Deeds enrolled for safe custody, and pursuant to certain statutes, including *"Disentailing Assurances"* after Recoveries were abolished.	Called "Indentures," indexed under the name of the Grantor.	12 Eliz. to 1862.	MS., 43 vols.	
3	Gascon Petitions	Calendar	Edw. 2. Imperfect.	Manuscript.	
—	Lunacy Commissions, Inquisitions, &c.; Letters A to L (inclusive).	Index	Chas. 1. to 23 Geo. 3.	Do.	
5	Patent Rolls and Privy Seals.	Calendar	21 Vict., 1857-8	Do.	

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34	Depositions taken by Commission.	Calendar	1 to 33 Eliz.	MS., 1 vol.	
„	„	Index	1 to 33 Eliz.	Do.	
37	Ditto (Ancient Miscellanea), Ministers' Accounts of Lands of Roger Bigod Earl of Norfolk.	Descriptive Slips.	Hen. 3. to Edw. 2.	MS., 3 vols.	

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38	Ministers' Accounts of Lands in the hands of the Crown.	Descriptive Slips.	31–32, 32–33 Hen. 8.	MS., 2 vols.	

EXCHEQUER OF RECEIPT.

45	Miscellanea -	Descriptive Slips.	Hen. 1. to Geo. 3.	MS., 6 vols.	
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HOME OFFICE.

The Documents are open to the Public only to 1760.

72	Domestic Series -	Calendar -	1635–6 - -	Printed - -	The remainder of the reign in progress.
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—	Ordinary Papers -	Inventory -	1830 to 1840 -	Manuscript.	
—	Registered Papers -	Press List -	1810 - -	Do.	
80	Treasury Board Papers.	Calendar	To 1701; in progress.	Do.	In draft on slips; Minutes in the *Minute Books* to be added.
—	Victualling List, Gibraltar.	Inventory -	1784 to 1797 -	Do.	

WAR OFFICE.

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82	Discharges - -	Press List -	1865 - -	Manuscript.	
81, 84	Regimental Pay Lists, and Adjutant's Rolls.	Inventory -	Mar. 1858 to Mar. 1861.	Do.	

LAND REVENUE RECORD OFFICE.

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LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE.

—	Recognizance Rolls, and other Records.	Inventory -	23 Hen. 8. to Victoria.	Manuscript.	

TRANSCRIPTS.

A Collection of Manuscripts, copies of Records, &c., principally made under the direction of the late Commissioners on the Public Records; a list is printed in the Sessional Paper of the House of Commons, 1842, No. 401.

No. 11.—Classes of Audit Office Records open to the Public; being to the end of the Reign of George II., 1760.

Description.	Dates.
Admiralty-Warrants to the Cashier General and Deputy Treasurers for prizes.	1664–1670.
America, Abstracts of Warrants by Earl Dalhousie - - -	? 1721–1722.
America, Georgia, Agents for Culture of Silk, Accounts Current -	1754.
America, South Carolina, Commanders-in-Chief, Accounts Current	1738–1743.
Army. *See* Controller.	
Bounty. *See* Widows.	
Chamber, Treasurer of the, Account Books of the Treasurer of the King's Chamber.	1640 & 1673–1760.
Clergy Diocesan Returns, Benevolent Contributions - - -	1587–1589.
Clergy Diocesan Returns, the Archbishops' and Bishops' Tenths, Accounts of the annual payments of Tenths on Benefices and Promotions.	29 Hen. 8.–10 Charles I.
Clergy Diocesan Returns, Accounts of Receivers General of the annual Tenths of the Clergy (a few).	1647–1659.
Clergy Diocesan Returns, Subsidy Rolls - - - - - -	33 Hen. 8. to 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar.
Commissary-General's Account Books, &c., viz.:—	
Provision Book, Letters, Contracts, Accounts, &c. -	1739–1752.
Accounts for the Service in North Britain - - - -	1746–8.
Service in Germany - - - - - - - - -	1758–1760.
Controller of Army Accounts, Report Books or Entries of Reports.	1705–1760.
Controller of Army Accounts, Miscellaneous Books (viz., Letter Book, Minute Book, and Book of Vouchers).	1703–1760.
Controller of Army Accounts, General Index - - - - -	1705–1760.
Custom Accounts - - - - - - - - - -	1638–1760.
Declared Accounts. Accounts falling under a variety of subjects, at present without lists, viz., those previous to - - - -	1760.
Declared Accounts of the Queens' Robes - - - - -	1606–1714.
Declared Accounts of the Keepers of the Great Wardrobe - -	1559–1760.
Diocesan Returns. *See* Clergy.	
Establishment Books, Military - - - - - - - -	1661–1760.
Establishment Books of Guards, Garrisons, and Land Forces in Great Britain.	1729–1760.
Establishment Books of Guards, Garrisons, and Land Forces in Great Britain, Minorca, Gibraltar, the plantations and garrisons of Annapolis Royal, Canso, and Placentia, &c.	1741–1760.
Establishment Books of the forces in the island of Minorca and garrison of Gibraltar - - -	1718–1760.
Establishment Books of forces in the plantations and the garrisons of Annapolis Royal and Placentia.	1728–1760.
Establishment Books of Hessian and other forces - - -	1729–1760.
Establishment Books for Half Pay of the Reduced Officers of the Land Forces and Marines.	1734–1759.
Establishment Books. *See* Pensions.	
Excise Records - - - - - - - - -	1647–1760.
First Fruits and Tenths, Books of Bonds remaining with the Remembrancer of.	1623–1760.

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First Fruits and Tenths, Receiver and Remembrancer of, Books, Accounts, &c.	1609–1760.
Guards, Garrisons, and Land Forces. *See* Establishment Books.	
Guards, Accounts of Monies paid to - - - -	1666–1726.
Hackney Coaches and Chairs, Three Accounts of the Receiver General of the Revenue from.	1707–1708. 1719–1720. 1752–1753.
Half Pay, viz., of the Reduced Officers of the Land Forces and Marines. *See* Establishment Books.	
Hanaper, Books of the Controlment of the - - -	2 Eliz.–1760.
Hawkers and Pedlars, Accounts of Revenues from, and Registers of Licences granted. - - - - - -	1697–1760.
Hospital Accounts. Chelsea - - - - -	1686–1716.
„ Ipswich - - - - -	1748-9.
„ North America - - - -	1754–1760.
„ Home and Abroad - - - -	1756–1760.
Imprest Rolls, Exchequer - - - - - -	22 Eliz.–1760.
Kings' Robes. *See* Master.	
Louisbourg, Contractors for remitting Money to, Accounts Current.	1759–60.
Master of the Horse, Accounts Current - - - -	1693–[? 1759].
Master of the Kings' Robes, Accounts of - - - -	1610–1702.
Master of the Robes, Accounts of - - - - -	1733-1735 & 1743–1746.
Military. *See* Establishment Books.	
Mint, Accounts of the Wardens of the, in the Tower of London -	1606–1756.
Mint, Accounts of the Master and Worker of the - - -	1663–1753 & 1758–9.
Mint, Controlment Rolls - - - - - - -	10 James 1. to 18 Charles 2.
Mint, Contract for Tin, Accounts - - - - -	1707–1713.
Mint, Solicitors' Accounts. (Three Accounts only.) - -	1745–1759.
Miscellaneous Letters and Papers - - - - -	37 Hen. 8.– 1760.
Miscellaneous parchment documents - - - -	James 1.–1711.
Miscellaneous. *See* Declared Accounts.	
Miscellaneous, some few being selections from the Boxes of Mediterranean and other Commissariat services.	1667–1760.
Miscellaneous Volumes - - - - - - -	1560–1760.
Nova Scotia, Provisions for the Army - - - -	1750–1760.
Nova Scotia, Maintenance of Settlers; Agent for the Colony; Accounts Current.	1749–1758.
Orford, the Earl of, Interest Account of - - - -	1696–1697.
Paymaster-General of the Forces, Accounts of - - -	1588–1760.
Paymaster, Part of a Parchment Roll, containing a General Table of "Insupers" remaining in the accounts of the several Paymasters-General.	1743–1760.
Paymaster of Salaries and Pensions to Her late Majesty's Officers and Servants, Account of.	1756–7.
Pensions. Accounts of the Paymasters of Pensions and Bounties -	1685–1760.
Pensions. Accounts of the Paymasters of Pensions to Widows of Half Pay Officers.	1737–1760.

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Quietus or Quit Rolls - - - - - -	1741-1760.
Revels, Books of the Expenses of - - - -	1571–1588.
Salt, Accounts of Revenue from - - - - -	1694–1758.
Silk Culture. *See* America.	
Solicitors' Accounts. *See* Treasury Solicitors ; *see* Mint.	
South Sea Company, Account of the Cashier, for three years, ending - - - - - - - - -	1760.
Subsidy Rolls. *See* Clergy.	
Tenths. *See* Clergy.	
Tents, Hailes, and Pavillions, Accounts of - - -	$166\frac{7}{8}$– & 1675.
Treasurer. *See* Chamber.	
Treasury Solicitors, Accounts of - - - - -	1689–1760.
Wardrobe, Accounts of the Keeper of the Great Wardrobe -	1558–1760.
Also Miscellaneous Wardrobe Books touching Funerals and Coronations.	1619–1714.
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Warrants. Various Royal and other Warrants in connexion with the Military Departments.	1654–1760
Warrants. *See* Admiralty.	
Widows' Bounty. Accounts of Payments made by the Receiver and Paymaster of the Royal Bounty to Widows of Officers.	1724–1760.
Widows. *See* Pensions.	
Wine Licences, Accounts of Revenue arising from - -	1682–1757.
Works, Paymaster of the, Part of a packet of papers relating to his Accounts, from 1739.	1739–
Works, Accounts of building and repairing Bagshot Lodge, impaling the Park, &c.	$168\frac{2}{3}$–1685.
Works. *See* Declared Accounts.	

The above is given as the most complete list that can at present be made, but must by no means be considered perfect, as further investigations will no doubt bring other documents to light.

(Signed) Joseph Redington.

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms; from the Norman Conquest to 1 Will. 4. Prepared by A. T. Watson.

Hilary Term.

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1066	Jan. 23	Feb. 13	1119	Jan. 23	Feb. 12
1067	„ 23	„ 12	1120	„ 23	„ 12
1068	„ 23	„ 12	1121	„ 24	„ 12
1069	„ 23	„ 12	1122	„ 23	„ 13
1070	„ 23	„ 12	1123	„ 23	„ 12
1071	„ 24	„ 12	1124	„ 23	„ 12
1072	„ 23	„ 13	1125	„ 23	„ 12
1073	„ 23	„ 12	1126	„ 23	„ 12
1074	„ 23	„ 12	1127	„ 24	„ 12
1075	„ 23	„ 12	1128	„ 23	„ 13
1076	„ 23	„ 12	1129	„ 23	„ 12
1077	„ 23	„ 13	1130	„ 23	„ 12
1078	„ 23	„ 12	1131	„ 23	„ 12
1079	„ 23	„ 12	1132	„ 23	„ 12
1080	„ 23	„ 12	1133	„ 23	„ 13
1081	„ 23	„ 12	1134	„ 23	„ 12
1082	„ 24	„ 12	1135	„ 23	„ 12
1083	„ 23	„ 13	1136	„ 23	„ 12
1084	„ 23	„ 12	1137	„ 23	„ 12
1085	„ 23	„ 12	1138	„ 24	„ 12
1086	„ 23	„ 12	1139	„ 23	„ 13
1087	„ 23	„ 12	1140	„ 23	„ 12
1088	„ 24	„ 12	1141	„ 23	„ 12
1089	„ 23	„ 12	1142	„ 23	„ 12
1090	„ 23	„ 12	1143	„ 23	„ 12
1091	„ 23	„ 12	1144	„ 24	„ 12
1092	„ 23	„ 12	1145	„ 23	„ 12
1093	„ 24	„ 12	1146	„ 23	„ 12
1094	„ 23	„ 13	1147	„ 23	„ 12
1095	„ 23	„ 12	1148	„ 23	„ 12
1096	„ 23	„ 12	1149	„ 24	„ 12
1097	„ 23	„ 12	1150	„ 23	„ 13
1098	„ 23	„ 12	1151	„ 23	„ 12
1099	„ 24	„ 12	1152	„ 23	„ 12
1100	„ 23	„ 13	1153	„ 23	„ 12
1101	„ 23	„ 12	1154	„ 23	„ 12
1102	„ 23	„ 12	1155	„ 24	„ 12
1103	„ 23	„ 12	1156	„ 23	„ 13
1104	„ 23	„ 12	1157	„ 23	„ 12
1105	„ 23	„ 13	1158	„ 23	„ 12
1106	„ 23	„ 12	1159	„ 23	„ 12
1107	„ 23	„ 12	1160	„ 23	„ 12
1108	„ 23	„ 12	1161	„ 23	„ 13
1109	„ 23	„ 12	1162	„ 23	„ 12
1110	„ 24	„ 12	1163	„ 23	„ 12
1111	„ 23	„ 13	1164	„ 23	„ 12
1112	„ 23	„ 12	1165	„ 23	„ 12
1113	„ 23	„ 12	1166	„ 24	„ 12
1114	„ 23	„ 12	1167	„ 23	„ 13
1115	„ 23	„ 12	1168	„ 23	„ 12
1116	„ 24	„ 12	1169	„ 23	„ 12
1117	„ 23	„ 12	1170	„ 23	„ 12
1118	„ 23	„ 12	1171	„ 23	„ 12

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Hilary Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1172	Jan. 24	Feb. 12	1235	Jan. 23	Feb. 12
1173	„ 23	„ 12	1236	„ 23	„ 12
1174	„ 23	„ 12	1237	„ 23	„ 12
1175	„ 23	„ 12	1238	„ 23	„ 12
1176	„ 23	„ 12	1239	„ 24	„ 12
1177	„ 24	„ 12	1240	„ 23	„ 13
1178	„ 23	„ 13	1241	„ 23	„ 12
1179	„ 23	„ 12	1242	„ 23	„ 12
1180	„ 23	„ 12	1243	„ 23	„ 12
1181	„ 23	„ 12	1244	„ 23	„ 12
1182	„ 23	„ 12	1245	„ 23	„ 13
1183	„ 24	„ 12	1246	„ 23	„ 12
1184	„ 23	„ 13	1247	„ 23	„ 12
1185	„ 23	„ 12	1248	„ 23	„ 12
1186	„ 23	„ 12	1249	„ 23	„ 12
1187	„ 23	„ 12	1250	„ 24	„ 12
1188	„ 23	„ 12	1251	„ 23	„ 13
1189	„ 23	„ 13	1252	„ 23	„ 12
1190	„ 23	„ 12	1253	„ 23	„ 12
1191	„ 23	„ 12	1254	„ 23	„ 12
1192	„ 23	„ 12	1255	„ 23	„ 12
1193	„ 23	„ 12	1256	„ 24	„ 12
1194	„ 24	„ 12	1257	„ 23	„ 12
1195	„ 23	„ 13	1258	„ 23	„ 12
1196	„ 23	„ 12	1259	„ 23	„ 12
1197	„ 23	„ 12	1260	„ 23	„ 12
1198	„ 23	„ 12	1261	„ 24	„ 12
1199	„ 23	„ 12	1262	„ 23	„ 13
1200	„ 24	„ 12	1263	„ 23	„ 12
1201	„ 23	„ 12	1264	„ 23	„ 12
1202	„ 23	„ 12	1265	„ 23	„ 12
1203	„ 23	„ 12	1266	„ 23	„ 12
1204	„ 23	„ 12	1267	„ 24	„ 12
1205	„ 24	„ 12	1268	„ 23	„ 13
1206	„ 23	„ 13	1269	„ 23	„ 12
1207	„ 23	„ 12	1270	„ 23	„ 12
1208	„ 23	„ 12	1271	„ 23	„ 12
1209	„ 23	„ 12	1272	„ 23	„ 12
1210	„ 23	„ 12	1273	„ 23	„ 13
1211	„ 24	„ 12	1274	„ 23	„ 12
1212	„ 23	„ 13	1275	„ 23	„ 12
1213	„ 23	„ 12	1276	„ 23	„ 12
1214	„ 23	„ 12	1277	„ 23	„ 12
1215	„ 23	„ 12	1278	„ 24	„ 12
1216	„ 23	„ 12	1279	„ 23	„ 13
1217	„ 23	„ 13	1280	„ 23	„ 12
1218	„ 23	„ 12	1281	„ 23	„ 12
1219	„ 23	„ 12	1282	„ 23	„ 12
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1221	„ 23	„ 12	1284	„ 24	„ 12
1222	„ 24	„ 12	1285	„ 23	„ 12
1223	„ 23	„ 13	1286	„ 23	„ 12
1224	„ 23	„ 12	1287	„ 23	„ 12
1225	„ 23	„ 12	1288	„ 23	„ 12
1226	„ 23	„ 12	1289	„ 24	„ 12
1227	„ 23	„ 12	1290	„ 23	„ 13
1228	„ 24	„ 12	1291	„ 23	„ 12
1229	„ 23	„ 12	1292	„ 23	„ 12
1230	„ 23	„ 12	1293	„ 23	„ 12
1231	„ 23	„ 12	1294	„ 23	„ 12
1232	„ 23	„ 12	1295	„ 24	„ 12
1233	„ 24	„ 12	1296	„ 23	„ 13
1234	„ 23	„ 13	1297	„ 23	„ 12

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Hilary Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1298	Jan. 23	Feb. 12	1361	Jan. 23	Feb. 12
1299	„ 23	„ 12	1362	„ 24	„ 12
1300	„ 23	„ 12	1363	„ 23	„ 13
1301	„ 23	„ 13	1364	„ 23	„ 12
1302	„ 23	„ 12	1365	„ 23	„ 12
1303	„ 23	„ 12	1366	„ 23	„ 12
1304	„ 23	„ 12	1367	„ 23	„ 12
1305	„ 23	„ 12	1368	„ 24	„ 12
1306	„ 24	„ 12	1369	„ 23	„ 12
1307	„ 23	„ 13	1370	„ 23	„ 12
1308	„ 23	„ 12	1371	„ 23	„ 12
1309	„ 23	„ 12	1372	„ 23	„ 12
1310	„ 23	„ 12	1373	„ 24	„ 12
1311	„ 23	„ 12	1374	„ 23	„ 13
1312	„ 24	„ 12	1375	„ 23	„ 12
1313	„ 23	„ 12	1376	„ 23	„ 12
1314	„ 23	„ 12	1377	„ 23	„ 12
1315	„ 23	„ 12	1378	„ 23	„ 12
1316	„ 23	„ 12	1379	„ 24	„ 12
1317	„ 24	„ 12	1380	„ 23	„ 13
1318	„ 23	„ 13	1381	„ 23	„ 12
1319	„ 23	„ 12	1382	„ 23	„ 12
1320	„ 23	„ 12	1383	„ 23	„ 12
1321	„ 23	„ 12	1384	„ 23	„ 12
1322	„ 23	„ 12	1385	„ 23	„ 13
1323	„ 24	„ 12	1336	„ 23	„ 12
1324	„ 23	„ 13	1387	„ 23	„ 12
1325	„ 23	„ 12	1388	„ 23	„ 12
1326	„ 23	„ 12	1389	„ 23	„ 12
1327	„ 23	„ 12	1390	„ 24	„ 12
1328	„ 23	„ 12	1391	„ 23	„ 13
1329	„ 23	„ 13	1392	„ 23	„ 12
1330	„ 23	„ 12	1393	„ 23	„ 12
1331	„ 23	„ 12	1394	„ 23	„ 12
1332	„ 23	„ 12	1395	„ 23	„ 12
1333	„ 23	„ 12	1396	„ 24	„ 12
1334	„ 24	„ 12	1397	„ 23	„ 12
1335	„ 23	„ 13	1398	„ 23	„ 12
1336	„ 23	„ 12	1399	„ 23	„ 12
1337	„ 23	„ 12	1400	„ 23	„ 12
1338	„ 23	„ 12	1401	„ 24	„ 12
1339	„ 23	„ 12	1402	„ 23	„ 13
1340	„ 24	„ 12	1403	„ 23	„ 12
1341	„ 23	„ 12	1404	„ 23	„ 12
1342	„ 23	„ 12	1405	„ 23	„ 12
1343	„ 23	„ 12	1406	„ 23	„ 12
1344	„ 23	„ 12	1407	„ 24	„ 12
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1348	„ 23	„ 12	1411	„ 23	„ 12
1349	„ 23	„ 12	1412	„ 23	„ 12
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1352	„ 23	„ 13	1415	„ 23	„ 12
1353	„ 23	„ 12	1416	„ 23	„ 12
1354	„ 23	„ 12	1417	„ 23	„ 12
1355	„ 23	„ 12	1418	„ 24	„ 12
1356	„ 23	„ 12	1419	„ 23	„ 13
1357	„ 23	„ 13	1420	„ 23	„ 12
1358	„ 23	„ 12	1421	„ 23	„ 12
1359	„ 23	„ 12	1422	„ 23	„ 12
1360	„ 23	„ 12	1423	„ 23	„ 12

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Hilary Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1424	Jan. 24	Feb. 12	1487	Jan. 23	Feb. 12
1425	„ 23	„ 12	1488	„ 23	„ 12
1426	„ 23	„ 12	1489	„ 23	„ 12
1427	„ 23	„ 12	1490	„ 23	„ 12
1428	„ 23	„ 12	1491	„ 24	„ 12
1429	„ 24	„ 12	1492	„ 23	„ 13
1430	„ 23	„ 13	1493	„ 23	„ 12
1431	„ 23	„ 12	1494	„ 23	„ 12
1432	„ 23	„ 12	1495	„ 23	„ 12
1433	„ 23	„ 12	1496	„ 23	„ 12
1434	„ 23	„ 12	1497	„ 23	„ 13
1435	„ 24	„ 12	1498	„ 23	„ 12
1436	„ 23	„ 13	1499	„ 23	„ 12
1437	„ 23	„ 12	1500	„ 23	„ 12
1438	„ 23	„ 12	1501	„ 23	„ 12
1439	„ 23	„ 12	1502	„ 24	„ 12
1440	„ 23	„ 12	1503	„ 23	„ 13
1441	„ 23	„ 13	1504	„ 23	„ 12
1442	„ 23	„ 12	1505	„ 23	„ 12
1443	„ 23	„ 12	1506	„ 23	„ 12
1444	„ 23	„ 12	1507	„ 23	„ 12
1445	„ 23	„ 12	1508	„ 24	„ 12
1446	„ 24	„ 12	1509	„ 23	„ 12
1447	„ 23	„ 13	1510	„ 23	„ 12
1448	„ 23	„ 12	1511	„ 23	„ 12
1449	„ 23	„ 12	1512	„ 23	„ 12
1450	„ 23	„ 12	1513	„ 24	„ 12
1451	„ 23	„ 12	1514	„ 23	„ 13
1452	„ 24	„ 12	1515	„ 23	„ 12
1453	„ 23	„ 12	1516	„ 23	„ 12
1454	„ 23	„ 12	1517	„ 23	„ 12
1455	„ 23	„ 12	1518	„ 23	„ 12
1456	„ 23	„ 12	1519	„ 24	„ 12
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1458	„ 23	„ 13	1521	„ 23	„ 12
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1460	„ 23	„ 12	1523	„ 23	„ 12
1461	„ 23	„ 12	1524	„ 23	„ 12
1462	„ 23	„ 12	1525	„ 23	„ 13
1463	„ 24	„ 12	1526	„ 23	„ 12
1464	„ 23	„ 13	1527	„ 23	„ 12
1465	„ 23	„ 12	1528	„ 23	„ 12
1466	„ 23	„ 12	1529	„ 23	„ 12
1467	„ 23	„ 12	1530	„ 24	„ 12
1468	„ 23	„ 12	1531	„ 23	„ 13
1469	„ 23	„ 13	1532	„ 23	„ 12
1470	„ 23	„ 12	1533	„ 23	„ 12
1471	„ 23	„ 12	1534	„ 23	„ 12
1472	„ 23	„ 12	1535	„ 23	„ 12
1473	„ 23	„ 12	1536	„ 24	„ 12
1474	„ 24	„ 12	1537	„ 23	„ 12
1475	„ 23	„ 13	1538	„ 23	„ 12
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1484	„ 23	„ 12	1547	„ 24	„ 12
1485	„ 24	„ 12	1548	„ 23	„ 13
1486	„ 23	„ 13	1549	„ 23	„ 12

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Hilary Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1550	Jan. 23	Feb. 12	1613	Jan. 23	Feb. 12
1551	„ 23	„ 12	1614	„ 24	„ 12
1552	„ 23	„ 12	1615	„ 23	„ 13
1553	„ 23	„ 13	1616	„ 23	„ 12
1554	„ 23	„ 12	1617	„ 23	„ 12
1555	„ 23	„ 12	1618	„ 23	„ 12
1556	„ 23	„ 12	1619	„ 23	„ 12
1557	„ 23	„ 12	1620	„ 24	„ 12
1558	„ 24	„ 12	1621	„ 23	„ 12
1559	„ 23	„ 13	1622	„ 23	„ 12
1560	„ 23	„ 12	1623	„ 23	„ 12
1561	„ 23	„ 12	1624	„ 23	„ 12
1562	„ 23	„ 12	1625	„ 24	„ 12
1563	„ 23	„ 12	1626	„ 23	„ 13
1564	„ 24	„ 12	1627	„ 23	„ 12
1565	„ 23	„ 12	1628	„ 23	„ 12
1566	„ 23	„ 12	1629	„ 23	„ 12
1567	„ 23	„ 12	1630	„ 23	„ 12
1568	„ 23	„ 12	1631	„ 24	„ 12
1569	„ 24	„ 12	1632	„ 23	„ 13
1570	„ 23	„ 13	1633	„ 23	„ 12
1571	„ 23	„ 12	1634	„ 23	„ 12
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1573	„ 23	„ 12	1636	„ 23	„ 12
1574	„ 23	„ 12	1637	„ 23	„ 13
1575	„ 24	„ 12	1638	„ 23	„ 12
1576	„ 23	„ 13	1639	„ 23	„ 12
1577	„ 23	„ 12	1640	„ 23	„ 12
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1599	„ 23	„ 12	1662	„ 23	„ 12
1600	„ 23	„ 12	1663	„ 23	„ 12
1601	„ 23	„ 12	1664	„ 23	„ 12
1602	„ 23	„ 12	1665	„ 23	„ 13
1603	„ 24	„ 12	1666	„ 23	„ 12
1604	„ 23	„ 13	1667	„ 23	„ 12
1605	„ 23	„ 12	1668	„ 23	„ 12
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1609	„ 23	„ 13	1672	„ 23	„ 12
1610	„ 23	„ 12	1673	„ 23	„ 12
1611	„ 23	„ 12	1674	„ 23	„ 12
1612	„ 23	„ 12	1675	„ 23	„ 12

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Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1676	Jan. 24	Feb. 12	1733	Jan. 23	Feb. 12
1677	„ 23	„ 12	1734	„ 23	„ 12
1678	„ 23	„ 12	1735	„ 23	„ 12
1679	„ 23	„ 12	1736	„ 23	„ 12
1680	„ 23	„ 12	1737	„ 24	„ 12
1681	„ 24	„ 12	1738	„ 23	„ 13
1682	„ 23	„ 13	1739	„ 23	„ 12
1683	„ 23	„ 12	1740	„ 23	„ 12
1684	„ 23	„ 12	1741	„ 23	„ 12
1685	„ 23	„ 12	1742	„ 23	„ 12
1686	„ 23	„ 12	1743	„ 24	„ 12
1687	„ 24	„ 12	1744	„ 23	„ 13
1688	„ 23	„ 13	1745	„ 23	„ 12
1689	„ 23	„ 12	1746	„ 23	„ 12
1690	„ 23	„ 12	1747	„ 23	„ 12
1691	„ 23	„ 12	1748	„ 23	„ 12
1692	„ 23	„ 12	1749	„ 23	„ 13
1693	„ 23	„ 13	1750	„ 23	„ 12
1694	„ 23	„ 12	1751*		
1695	„ 23	„ 12	1752	„ 23	„ 12
1696	„ 23	„ 12	1753	„ 23	„ 12
1697	„ 23	„ 12	1754	„ 23	„ 12
1698	„ 24	„ 12	1755	„ 23	„ 12
1699	„ 23	„ 13	1756	„ 23	„ 12
1700	„ 23	„ 12	1757	„ 24	„ 12
1701	„ 23	„ 12	1758	„ 23	„ 13
1702	„ 23	„ 12	1759	„ 23	„ 12
1703	„ 23	„ 12	1760	„ 23	„ 12
1704	„ 24	„ 12	1761	„ 23	„ 12
1705	„ 23	„ 12	1762	„ 23	„ 12
1706	„ 23	„ 12	1763	„ 24	„ 12
1707	„ 23	„ 12	1764	„ 23	„ 13
1708	„ 23	„ 12	1765	„ 23	„ 12
1709	„ 24	„ 12	1766	„ 23	„ 12
1710	„ 23	„ 13	1767	„ 23	„ 12
1711	„ 23	„ 12	1768	„ 23	„ 12
1712	„ 23	„ 12	1769	„ 23	„ 13
1713	„ 23	„ 12	1770	„ 23	„ 12
1714	„ 23	„ 12	1771	„ 23	„ 12
1715	„ 24	„ 12	1772	„ 23	„ 12
1716	„ 23	„ 13	1773	„ 23	„ 12
1717	„ 23	„ 12	1774	„ 24	„ 12
1718	„ 23	„ 12	1775	„ 23	„ 13
1719	„ 23	„ 12	1776	„ 23	„ 12
1720	„ 23	„ 12	1777	„ 23	„ 12
1721	„ 23	„ 13	1778	„ 23	„ 12
1722	„ 23	„ 12	1779	„ 23	„ 12
1723	„ 23	„ 12	1780	„ 24	„ 12
1724	„ 23	„ 12	1781	„ 23	„ 12
1725	„ 23	„ 12	1782	„ 23	„ 12
1726	„ 24	„ 12	1783	„ 23	„ 12
1727	„ 23	„ 13	1784	„ 23	„ 12
1728	„ 23	„ 12	1785	„ 24	„ 12
1729	„ 23	„ 12	1786	„ 23	„ 13
1730	„ 23	„ 12	1787	„ 23	„ 12
1731	„ 23	„ 12	1788	„ 23	„ 12
1732	„ 24	„ 12	1789	„ 23	„ 12

* This year there was no term, in consequence of the alteration of the Julian or Old Style. The computation according to which the year began on the 25th of March was not used after 31st of December, and the 1st of January was reckoned as the first day of the year 1752.

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Hilary Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1790	Jan. 23	Feb. 12	1811	Jan. 23	Feb. 12
1791	„ 24	„ 12	1812	„ 23	„ 12
1792	„ 23	„ 13	1813	„ 23	„ 12
1793	„ 23	„ 12	1814	„ 24	„ 12
1794	„ 23	„ 12	1815	„ 23	„ 13
1795	„ 23	„ 12	1816	„ 23	„ 12
1796	„ 23	„ 12	1817	„ 23	„ 12
1797	„ 23	„ 13	1818	„ 23	„ 12
1798	„ 23	„ 12	1819	„ 23	„ 12
1799	„ 23	„ 12	1820	„ 24	„ 12
1800	„ 23	„ 12	1821	„ 23	„ 12
1801	„ 23	„ 12	1822	„ 23	„ 12
1802	„ 23	„ 12	1823	„ 23	„ 12
1803	„ 24	„ 12	1824	„ 23	„ 12
1804	„ 23	„ 13	1825	„ 24	„ 12
1805	„ 23	„ 12	1826	„ 23	„ 13
1806	„ 23	„ 12	1827	„ 23	„ 12
1807	„ 23	„ 12	1828	„ 23	„ 12
1808	„ 23	„ 12	1829	„ 23	„ 12
1809	„ 23	„ 13	1830	„ 23	„ 12
1810	„ 23	„ 12			

Hilary Term was fixed by Statute 1 Will. 4. cap. 70. (passed 22nd July 1830), which provides that in the year 1831, and afterwards, Hilary Term shall begin on the 11th and end on the 31st of January.

Easter Term.

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1066	May 3	May 29	1091	April 30	May 26
1067	April 25	„ 21	1092	„ 14	„ 10
1068	„ 9	„ 5	1093	May 4	„ 30
1069	„ 29	„ 25	1094	April 26	„ 22
1070	„ 21	„ 17	1095	„ 11	„ 7
1071	May 11	June 6	1096	„ 30	„ 26
1072	April 25	May 21	1097	„ 22	„ 18
1073	„ 17	„ 13	1098	„ 14	„ 10
1074	May 7	June 2	1099	„ 27	„ 23
1075	April 22	May 18	1100	„ 18	„ 14
1076	„ 13	„ 9	1101	May 8	June 3
1077	May 3	„ 29	1102	April 23	May 19
1078	April 25	„ 21	1103	„ 15	„ 11
1079	„ 10	„ 6	1104	May 4	„ 30
1080	„ 29	„ 25	1105	April 26	„ 22
1081	„ 21	„ 17	1106	„ 11	„ 7
1082	May 11	June 6	1107	May 1	„ 27
1083	April 26	May 22	1108	April 22	„ 18
1084	„ 17	„ 13	1109	May 12	June 7
1085	May 7	June 2	1110	April 27	May 23
1086	April 22	May 18	1111	„ 19	„ 15
1087	„ 14	„ 10	1112	May 8	June 3
1088	May 3	„ 29	1113	April 23	May 19
1089	April 18	„ 14	1114	„ 15	„ 11
1090	May 8	June 3	1115	May 5	„ 31

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Easter Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1116	April 19	May 15	1179	April 18	May 14
1117	„ 11	„ 7	1180	May 7	June 2
1118	May 1	„ 27	1181	April 22	May 18
1119	April 16	„ 12	1182	„ 14	„ 10
1120	May 5	„ 31	1183	May 4	„ 30
1121	April 27	„ 23	1184	April 18	„ 14
1122	„ 12	„ 8	1185	May 8	June 3
1123	May 2	„ 28	1186	April 30	May 26
1124	April 23	„ 19	1187	„ 15	„ 11
1125	„ 15	„ 11	1188	May 4	„ 30
1126	„ 28	„ 24	1189	April 26	„ 22
1127	„ 20	„ 16	1190	„ 11	„ 7
1128	May 9	June 4	1191	May 1	„ 27
1129	„ 1	May 27	1192	April 22	„ 18
1130	April 16	„ 12	1193	„ 14	„ 10
1131	May 6	June 1	1194	„ 27	„ 23
1132	April 27	May 23	1195	„ 19	„ 15
1133	„ 12	„ 8	1196	May 8	June 3
1134	May 2	„ 28	1197	April 23	May 19
1135	April 24	„ 20	1198	„ 15	„ 11
1136	„ 8	„ 4	1199	May 5	„ 31
1137	„ 28	„ 24	1200	April 26	„ 22
1138	„ 20	„ 16	1201	„ 11	„ 7
1139	May 10	June 5	1202	May 1	„ 27
1140	April 24	May 20	1203	April 23	„ 19
1141	„ 16	„ 12	1204	May 12	June 7
1142	May 6	June 1	1205	April 27	May 23
1143	April 21	May 17	1206	„ 19	„ 15
1144	„ 12	„ 8	1207	May 9	June 4
1145	May 2	„ 28	1208	April 23	May 19
1146	April 17	„ 13	1209	„ 15	„ 11
1147	May 7	June 2	1210	May 5	„ 31
1148	April 28	May 24	1211	April 20	„ 16
1149	„ 20	„ 16	1212	„ 11	„ 7
1150	May 3	„ 29	1213	May 1	„ 27
1151	April 25	„ 21	1214	April 16	„ 12
1152	„ 16	„ 12	1215	May 6	June 1
1153	May 6	June 1	1216	April 27	May 23
1154	April 21	May 17	1217	„ 12	„ 8
1155	„ 13	„ 9	1218	May 2	„ 28
1156	May 2	„ 28	1219	April 24	„ 20
1157	April 17	„ 13	1220	„ 15	„ 11
1158	May 7	June 2	1221	„ 28	„ 24
1159	April 29	May 25	1222	„ 20	„ 16
1160	„ 13	„ 9	1223	May 10	June 5
1161	May 3	„ 29	1224	„ 1	May 27
1162	April 25	„ 21	1225	April 16	„ 12
1163	„ 10	„ 6	1226	May 6	June 1
1164	„ 29	„ 25	1227	April 28	May 24
1165	„ 21	„ 17	1228	„ 12	„ 8
1166	May 11	June 6	1229	May 2	„ 28
1167	April 26	May 22	1230	April 24	„ 20
1168	„ 17	„ 13	1231	„ 9	„ 5
1169	May 7	June 2	1232	„ 28	„ 24
1170	April 22	May 18	1233	„ 20	„ 16
1171	„ 14	„ 10	1234	May 10	June 5
1172	May 3	„ 29	1235	April 25	May 21
1173	April 25	„ 21	1236	„ 16	„ 12
1174	„ 10	„ 6	1237	May 6	June 1
1175	„ 30	„ 26	1238	April 21	May 17
1176	„ 21	„ 17	1239	„ 13	„ 9
1177	May 11	June 6	1240	May 2	„ 28
1178	April 26	May 22	1241	April 17	„ 13

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Easter Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1242	May 7	June 2	1305	May 5	May 31
1243	April 29	May 25	1306	April 20	„ 16
1244	„ 20	„ 16	1307	„ 12	„ 8
1245	May 3	„ 29	1308	May 1	„ 27
1246	April 25	„ 21	1309	April 16	„ 12
1247	„ 17	„ 13	1310	May 6	June 1
1248	May 6	June 1	1311	April 28	May 24
1249	April 21	May 17	1312	„ 12	„ 8
1250	„ 13	„ 9	1313	May 2	„ 28
1251	May 3	„ 29	1314	April 24	„ 20
1252	April 17	„ 13	1315	„ 9	„ 5
1253	May 7	June 2	1316	„ 28	„ 24
1254	April 29	May 25	1317	„ 20	„ 16
1255	„ 14	„ 10	1318	May 10	June 5
1256	May 3	„ 29	1319	April 25	May 21
1257	April 25	„ 21	1320	„ 16	„ 12
1258	„ 10	„ 6	1321	May 6	June 1
1259	„ 30	„ 26	1322	April 28	May 24
1260	„ 21	„ 17	1323	„ 13	„ 9
1261	May 11	June 6	1324	May 2	„ 28
1262	April 26	May 22	1325	April 24	„ 20
1263	„ 18	„ 14	1326	„ 9	„ 5
1264	May 7	June 2	1327	„ 29	„ 25
1265	April 22	May 18	1328	„ 20	„ 16
1266	„ 14	„ 10	1329	May 10	June 5
1267	May 4	„ 30	1330	April 25	May 21
1268	April 25	„ 21	1331	„ 17	„ 13
1269	„ 10	„ 6	1332	May 6	June 1
1270	„ 30	„ 26	1333	April 21	May 17
1271	„ 22	„ 18	1334	„ 13	„ 9
1272	May 11	June 6	1335	May 3	„ 29
1273	April 26	May 22	1336	April 17	„ 13
1274	„ 18	„ 14	1337	May 7	June 2
1275	May 1	„ 27	1338	April 29	May 25
1276	April 22	„ 18	1339	„ 14	„ 10
1277	„ 14	„ 10	1340	May 3	„ 29
1278	May 4	„ 30	1341	April 25	„ 21
1279	April 19	„ 15	1342	„ 17	„ 13
1280	May 8	June 3	1343	„ 30	„ 26
1281	April 30	May 26	1344	„ 21	„ 17
1282	„ 15	„ 11	1345	„ 13	„ 9
1283	May 5	„ 31	1346	May 3	„ 29
1284	April 26	„ 22	1347	April 18	„ 14
1285	„ 11	„ 7	1348	May 7	June 2
1286	May 1	„ 27	1349	April 29	May 25
1287	April 23	„ 19	1350	„ 14	„ 10
1288	„ 14	„ 10	1351	May 4	„ 30
1289	„ 27	„ 23	1352	April 25	„ 21
1290	„ 19	„ 15	1353	„ 10	„ 6
1291	May 9	June 4	1354	„ 30	„ 26
1292	April 23	May 19	1355	„ 22	„ 18
1293	„ 15	„ 11	1356	May 11	June 6
1294	May 5	„ 31	1357	April 26	May 22
1295	April 20	„ 16	1358	„ 18	„ 14
1296	„ 11	„ 7	1359	May 8	June 3
1297	May 1	„ 27	1360	April 22	May 18
1298	April 23	„ 19	1361	„ 14	„ 10
1299	May 6	June 1	1362	May 4	„ 30
1300	April 27	May 23	1363	April 19	„ 15
1301	„ 19	„ 15	1364	„ 10	„ 6
1302	May 9	June 4	1365	„ 30	„ 26
1303	April 24	May 20	1366	„ 22	„ 18
1304	„ 15	„ 11	1367	May 5	„ 31

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Easter Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1368	April 26	May 22	1431	April 18	May 14
1369	„ 18	„ 14	1432	May 7	June 2
1370	May 1	„ 27	1433	April 29	May 25
1371	April 23	„ 19	1434	„ 14	„ 10
1372	„ 14	„ 10	1435	May 4	„ 30
1373	May 4	„ 30	1436	April 25	„ 21
1374	April 19	„ 15	1437	„ 17	„ 13
1375	May 9	June 4	1438	„ 30	„ 26
1376	April 30	May 26	1439	„ 22	„ 18
1377	„ 15	„ 11	1440	„ 13	„ 9
1378	May 5	„ 31	1441	May 3	„ 29
1379	April 27	„ 23	1442	April 18	„ 14
1380	„ 11	„ 7	1443	May 8	June 3
1381	May 1	„ 27	1444	April 29	May 25
1382	April 23	„ 19	1445	„ 14	„ 10
1383	„ 8	„ 4	1446	May 4	„ 30
1384	„ 27	„ 23	1447	April 26	„ 22
1385	„ 19	„ 15	1448	„ 10	„ 6
1386	May 9	June 4	1449	„ 30	„ 26
1387	April 24	May 20	1450	„ 22	„ 18
1388	„ 15	„ 11	1451	May 12	June 7
1389	May 5	„ 31	1452	April 26	May 22
1390	April 20	„ 16	1453	„ 18	„ 14
1391	„ 12	„ 8	1454	May 8	June 3
1392	May 1	„ 27	1455	April 23	May 19
1393	April 23	„ 19	1456	„ 14	„ 10
1394	May 6	June 1	1457	May 4	„ 30
1395	April 28	May 24	1458	April 19	„ 15
1396	„ 19	„ 15	1459	„ 11	„ 7
1397	May 9	June 4	1460	„ 30	„ 26
1398	April 24	May 20	1461	„ 22	„ 18
1399	„ 16	„ 12	1462	May 5	„ 31
1400	May 5	„ 31	1463	April 27	„ 23
1401	April 20	„ 16	1464	„ 18	„ 14
1402	„ 12	„ 8	1465	May 1	„ 27
1403	May 2	„ 28	1466	April 23	„ 19
1404	April 16	„ 12	1467	„ 15	„ 11
1405	May 6	June 1	1468	May 4	„ 30
1406	April 28	May 24	1469	April 19	„ 15
1407	„ 13	„ 9	1470	May 9	June 4
1408	May 2	„ 28	1471	„ 1	May 27
1409	April 24	„ 20	1472	April 15	„ 11
1410	„ 9	„ 5	1473	May 5	„ 31
1411	„ 29	„ 25	1474	April 27	„ 23
1412	„ 20	„ 16	1475	„ 12	„ 8
1413	May 10	June 5	1476	May 1	„ 27
1414	April 25	May 21	1477	April 23	„ 19
1415	„ 17	„ 13	1478	„ 8	„ 4
1416	May 6	June 1	1479	„ 28	„ 24
1417	April 28	May 24	1480	„ 19	„ 15
1418	„ 13	„ 9	1481	May 9	June 4
1419	May 3	„ 29	1482	April 24	May 20
1420	April 24	„ 20	1483	„ 16	„ 12
1421	„ 9	„ 5	1484	May 5	„ 31
1422	„ 29	„ 25	1485	April 20	„ 16
1423	„ 21	„ 17	1486	„ 12	„ 8
1424	May 10	June 5	1487	May 2	„ 28
1425	April 25	May 21	1488	April 23	„ 19
1426	„ 17	„ 13	1489	May 6	June 1
1427	May 7	June 2	1490	April 28	May 24
1428	April 21	May 17	1491	„ 20	„ 16
1429	„ 13	„ 9	1492	May 9	June 4
1430	May 3	„ 29	1493	April 24	May 20

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Easter Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1494	April 16	May 12	1557	May 5	May 31
1495	May 6	June 1	1558	April 27	„ 23
1496	April 20	May 16	1559	„ 12	„ 8
1497	„ 12	„ 8	1560	May 1	„ 27
1498	May 2	„ 28	1561	April 23	„ 19
1499	April 17	„ 13	1562	„ 15	„ 11
1500	May 6	June 1	1563	„ 28	„ 24
1501	April 28	May 24	1564	„ 19	„ 15
1502	„ 13	„ 9	1565	May 9	June 4
1503	May 3	„ 29	1566	„ 1	May 27
1504	April 24	„ 20	1567	April 16	„ 12
1505	„ 9	„ 5	1568	May 5	„ 31
1506	„ 29	„ 25	1569	April 27	„ 23
1507	„ 21	„ 17	1570	„ 12	„ 8
1508	May 10	June 5	1571	May 2	„ 28
1509	April 25	May 21	1572	April 23	„ 19
1510	„ 17	„ 13	1573	„ 8	„ 4
1511	May 7	June 2	1574	„ 28	„ 24
1512	April 28	May 24	1575	„ 20	„ 16
1513	„ 13	„ 9	1576	May 9	June 4
1514	May 3	„ 29	1577	April 24	May 20
1515	April 25	„ 21	1578	„ 16	„ 12
1516	„ 9	„ 5	1579	May 6	June 1
1517	„ 29	„ 25	1580	April 20	May 16
1518	„ 21	„ 17	1581	„ 12	„ 8
1519	May 11	June 6	1582	May 2	„ 28
1520	April 25	May 21	1583	April 17	„ 13
1521	„ 17	„ 13	1584	May 6	June 1
1522	May 7	June 2	1585	April 28	May 24
1523	April 22	May 18	1586	„ 20	„ 16
1524	„ 13	„ 9	1587	May 3	„ 29
1525	May 3	„ 29	1588	April 24	„ 20
1526	April 18	„ 14	1589	„ 16	„ 12
1527	May 8	June 3	1590	May 6	June 1
1528	April 29	May 25	1591	April 21	May 17
1529	„ 14	„ 10	1592	„ 12	„ 8
1530	May 4	„ 30	1593	May 2	„ 28
1531	April 26	„ 22	1594	April 17	„ 13
1532	„ 17	„ 13	1595	May 7	June 2
1533	„ 30	„ 26	1596	April 28	May 24
1534	„ 22	„ 18	1597	„ 13	„ 9
1535	„ 14	„ 10	1598	May 3	„ 29
1536	May 3	„ 29	1599	April 25	„ 21
1537	April 18	„ 14	1600	„ 9	„ 5
1538	May 8	June 3	1601	„ 29	„ 25
1539	April 23	May 19	1602	„ 21	„ 17
1540	„ 14	„ 10	1603	May 11	June 6
1541	May 4	„ 30	1604	April 25	May 21
1542	April 26	„ 22	1605	„ 17	„ 13
1543	„ 11	„ 7	1606	May 7	June 2
1544	„ 30	„ 26	1607	April 22	May 18
1545	„ 22	„ 18	1608	„ 13	„ 9
1546	May 12	June 7	1609	May 3	„ 29
1547	April 27	May 23	1610	April 25	„ 21
1548	„ 18	„ 14	1611	„ 10	„ 6
1549	May 8	June 3	1612	„ 29	„ 25
1550	April 23	May 19	1613	„ 21	„ 17
1551	„ 15	„ 11	1614	May 11	June 6
1552	May 4	„ 30	1615	April 26	May 22
1553	April 19	„ 15	1616	„ 17	„ 13
1554	„ 11	„ 7	1617	May 7	June 2
1555	May 1	„ 27	1618	April 22	May 18
1556	April 22	„ 18	1619	„ 14	„ 10

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Easter Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1620	May 3	May 29	1683	April 25	May 21
1621	April 18	„ 14	1684	„ 16	„ 12
1622	May 8	June 3	1685	May 6	June 1
1623	April 30	May 26	1686	April 21	May 17
1624	„ 14	„ 10	1687	„ 13	„ 9
1625	May 4	„ 30	1688	May 2	„ 28
1626	April 26	„ 22	1689	April 17	„ 13
1627	„ 11	„ 7	1690	May 7	June 2
1628	„ 30	„ 26	1691	April 29	May 25
1629	„ 22	„ 18	1692	„ 13	„ 9
1630	„ 14	„ 10	1693	May 3	„ 29
1631	„ 27	„ 23	1694	April 25	„ 21
1632	„ 18	„ 14	1695	„ 10	„ 6
1633	May 8	June 3	1696	„ 29	„ 25
1634	April 23	May 19	1697	„ 21	„ 17
1635	„ 15	„ 11	1698	May 11	June 6
1636	May 4	„ 30	1699	April 26	May 22
1637	April 26	„ 22	1700	„ 17	„ 13
1638	„ 11	„ 7	1701	May 7	June 2
1639	May 1	„ 27	1702	April 22	May 18
1640	April 22	„ 18	1703	„ 14	„ 10
1641	May 12	June 7	1704	May 3	„ 29
1642	April 27	May 23	1705	April 25	„ 21
1643	„ 19	„ 15	1706	„ 10	„ 6
1644	May 8	June 3	1707	„ 30	„ 26
1645	April 23	May 19	1708	„ 21	„ 17
1646	„ 15	„ 11	1709	May 11	June 6
1647	May 5	„ 31	1710	April 26	May 22
1648	April 19	„ 15	1711	„ 18	„ 14
1649	„ 11	„ 7	1712	May 7	June 2
1650	May 1	„ 27	1713	April 22	May 18
1651	April 16	„ 12	1714	„ 14	„ 10
1652	May 5	„ 31	1715	May 4	„ 30
1653	April 27	„ 23	1716	April 18	„ 14
1654	„ 12	„ 8	1717	May 8	June 3
1655	May 2	„ 28	1718	April 30	May 26
1656	April 23	„ 19	1719	„ 15	„ 11
1657	„ 15	„ 11	1720	May 4	„ 30
1658	„ 28	„ 24	1721	April 26	„ 22
1659	„ 20	„ 16	1722	„ 11	„ 7
1660	May 9	June 4	1723	May 1	„ 27
1661	„ 1	May 27	1724	April 22	„ 18
1662	April 16	„ 12	1725	„ 14	„ 10
1663	May 6	June 1	1726	„ 27	„ 23
1664	April 27	May 23	1727	„ 19	„ 15
1665	„ 12	„ 8	1728	May 8	June 3
1666	May 2	„ 28	1729	April 23	May 19
1667	April 24	„ 20	1730	„ 15	„ 11
1668	„ 8	„ 4	1731	May 5	„ 31
1669	„ 28	„ 24	1732	April 26	„ 22
1670	„ 20	„ 16	1733	„ 11	„ 7
1671	May 10	June 5	1734	May 1	„ 27
1672	April 24	May 20	1735	April 23	„ 19
1673	„ 16	„ 12	1736	May 12	June 7
1674	May 6	June 1	1737	April 27	May 23
1675	April 21	May 17	1738	„ 19	„ 15
1676	„ 12	„ 8	1739	May 9	June 4
1677	May 2	„ 28	1740	April 23	May 19
1678	April 17	„ 13	1741	„ 15	„ 11
1679	May 7	June 2	1742	May 5	„ 31
1680	April 28	May 24	1743	April 20	„ 16
1681	„ 20	„ 16	1744	„ 11	„ 7
1682	May 3	„ 29	1745	May 1	„ 27

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Easter Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1746	April 16	May 12	1789	April 29	May 25
1747	May 6	June 1	1790	„ 21	„ 17
1748	April 27	May 23	1791	May 11	June 6
1749	„ 12	„ 8	1792	April 25	May 21
1750	May 2	„ 28	1793	„ 17	„ 13
1751	April 24	„ 20	1794	May 7	June 2
1752	„ 15	„ 11	1795	April 22	May 18
1753	May 9	June 4	1796	„ 13	„ 9
1754	„ 1	May 27	1797	May 3	„ 29
1755	April 16	„ 12	1798	April 25	„ 21
1756	May 5	„ 31	1799	„ 10	„ 6
1757	April 27	„ 23	1800	„ 30	„ 26
1758	„ 12	„ 8	1801	„ 22	„ 18
1759	May 2	„ 28	1802	May 5	„ 31
1760	April 23	„ 19	1803	April 27	„ 23
1761	„ 8	„ 4	1804	„ 18	„ 14
1762	„ 28	„ 24	1805	May 1	„ 27
1763	„ 20	„ 16	1806	April 23	„ 19
1764	May 9	June 4	1807	„ 15	„ 11
1765	April 24	May 20	1808	May 4	„ 30
1766	„ 16	„ 12	1809	April 19	„ 15
1767	May 6	June 1	1810	May 9	June 4
1768	April 20	May 16	1811	„ 1	May 27
1769	„ 12	„ 8	1812	April 15	„ 11
1770	May 2	„ 28	1813	May 5	„ 31
1771	April 17	„ 13	1814	April 27	„ 23
1772	May 6	June 1	1815	„ 12	„ 8
1773	April 28	May 24	1816	May 1	„ 27
1774	„ 20	„ 16	1817	April 23	„ 19
1775	May 3	„ 29	1818	„ 8	„ 4
1776	April 24	„ 20	1819	„ 28	„ 24
1777	„ 16	„ 12	1820	„ 19	„ 15
1778	May 6	June 1	1821	May 9	June 4
1779	April 21	May 17	1822	April 24	May 20
1780	„ 12	„ 8	1823	„ 16	„ 12
1781	May 2	„ 28	1824	May 5	„ 31
1782	April 17	„ 13	1825	April 20	„ 16
1783	May 7	June 2	1826	„ 12	„ 8
1784	April 28	May 24	1827	May 2	„ 28
1785	„ 13	„ 9	1828	April 23	„ 19
1786	May 3	„ 29	1829	May 6	June 1
1787	April 25	„ 21	1830	April 28	May 24
1788	„ 9	„ 5			

Easter Term was fixed by Statute 1 Will. 4. cap. 70. (passed 22nd July, 1830), which provides that in the year 1831, and afterwards, Easter Term shall begin on the 15th April, and end on the 8th of May: and by Stat. 1. Will. 4. cap. 3. (passed on the 23rd December, 1830) it was further provided, "that in case the day of the "month on which any Term, according to the Act of 1 Will. 4. cap. 70., is to end, "shall fall to be on a Sunday, then the Monday next after such day shall be deemed "and taken to be the last day of the Term; and that in case any of the days between "the Thursday before and the Wednesday next after Easter shall fall within Easter "Term, then such days shall be deemed and taken to be a part of such Term, although "there shall be no sittings in banc on any of such intervening days."

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—*continued.*

TRINITY TERM

YEAR.	Began.	Ended.	YEAR.	Began.	Ended.
1066	June 21	July 12	1124	June 11	July 2
1067	„ 13	„ 4	1125	„ 3	June 24
1068	May 28	June 18	1126	„ 16	July 7
1069	June 17	July 8	1127	„ 8	June 29
1070	„ 9	June 30	1128	„ 27	July 18
1071	„ 29	July 20	1129	„ 19	„ 10
1072	„ 13	„ 4	1130	„ 4	June 25
1073	„ 5	June 26	1131	„ 24	July 15
1074	„ 25	July 16	1132	„ 15	„ 6
1075	„ 10	„ 1	1133	May 31	June 21
1076	„ 1	June 22	1134	June 20	July 11
1077	„ 21	July 12	1135	„ 12	„ 3
1078	„ 13	„ 4	1136	May 27	June 17
1079	May 29	June 19	1137	June 16	July 7
1080	June 17	July 8	1138	„ 8	June 29
1081	„ 9	June 30	1139	„ 28	July 19
1082	„ 29	July 20	1140	„ 12	„ 3
1083	„ 14	„ 5	1141	„ 4	June 25
1084	„ 5	June 26	1142	„ 24	July 15
1085	„ 25	July 16	1143	„ 9	June 30
1086	„ 10	„ 1	1144	May 31	„ 21
1087	„ 2	June 23	1145	June 20	July 11
1088	„ 21	July 12	1146	„ 5	June 26
1089	„ 6	June 27	1147	„ 25	July 16
1090	„ 26	July 17	1148	„ 16	„ 7
1091	„ 18	„ 9	1149	„ 8	June 29
1092	„ 2	June 23	1150	„ 21	July 12
1093	„ 22	July 13	1151	„ 13	„ 4
1094	„ 14	„ 5	1152	„ 4	June 25
1095	May 30	June 20	1153	„ 24	July 15
1096	June 18	July 9	1154	„ 9	June 30
1097	„ 10	„ 1	1155	„ 1	„ 22
1098	„ 2	June 23	1156	„ 20	July 11
1099	„ 15	July 6	1157	„ 5	June 26
1100	„ 6	June 27	1158	„ 25	July 16
1101	„ 26	July 17	1159	„ 17	„ 8
1102	„ 11	„ 2	1160	„ 1	June 22
1103	„ 3	June 24	1161	„ 21	July 12
1104	„ 22	July 13	1162	„ 13	„ 4
1105	„ 14	„ 5	1163	May 29	June 19
1106	May 30	June 20	1164	June 17	July 8
1107	June 19	July 10	1165	„ 9	June 30
1108	„ 10	„ 1	1166	„ 29	July 20
1109	„ 30	„ 21	1167	„ 14	„ 5
1110	„ 15	„ 6	1168	„ 5	June 26
1111	„ 7	June 28	1169	„ 25	July 16
1112	„ 26	July 17	1170	„ 10	„ 1
1113	„ 11	„ 2	1171	„ 2	June 23
1114	„ 3	June 24	1172	„ 21	July 12
1115	„ 23	July 14	1173	„ 13	„ 4
1116	„ 7	June 28	1174	May 29	June 19
1117	May 30	„ 20	1175	June 18	July 9
1118	June 19	July 10	1176	„ 9	June 30
1119	„ 4	June 25	1177	„ 29	July 20
1120	„ 23	July 14	1178	„ 14	„ 5
1121	„ 15	„ 6	1179	„ 6	June 27
1122	May 31	June 21	1180	„ 25	July 16
1123	June 20	July 11	1181	„ 10	„ 1

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Trinity Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1182	June 2	June 23	1245	June 21	July 12
1183	„ 22	July 13	1246	„ 13	„ 4
1184	„ 6	June 27	1247	„ 5	June 26
1185	„ 26	July 17	1248	„ 24	July 15
1186	„ 18	„ 9	1249	„ 9	June 30
1187	„ 3	June 24	1250	„ 1	„ 22
1188	„ 22	July 13	1251	„ 21	July 12
1189	„ 14	„ 5	1252	„ 5	June 26
1190	May 30	June 20	1253	„ 25	July 16
1191	June 19	July 10	1254	„ 17	„ 8
1192	„ 10	„ 1	1255	„ 2	June 23
1193	„ 2	June 23	1256	„ 21	July 12
1194	„ 15	July 6	1257	„ 13	„ 4
1195	„ 7	June 28	1258	May 29	June 19
1196	„ 26	July 17	1259	June 18	July 9
1197	„ 11	„ 2	1260	„ 9	June 30
1198	„ 3	June 24	1261	„ 29	July 20
1199	„ 23	July 14	1262	„ 14	„ 5
1200	„ 14	„ 5	1263	„ 6	June 27
1201	May 30	June 20	1264	„ 25	July 16
1202	June 19	July 10	1265	„ 10	„ 1
1203	„ 11	„ 2	1266	„ 2	June 23
1204	„ 30	„ 21	1267	„ 22	July 13
1205	„ 15	„ 6	1268	„ 13	„ 4
1206	„ 7	June 28	1269	May 29	June 19
1207	„ 27	July 18	1270	June 18	July 9
1208	„ 11	„ 2	1271	„ 10	„ 1
1209	„ 3	June 24	1272	„ 29	„ 20
1210	„ 23	July 14	1273	„ 14	„ 5
1211	„ 8	June 29	1274	„ 6	June 27
1212	May 30	„ 20	1275	„ 19	July 10
1213	June 19	July 10	1276	„ 10	„ 1
1214	„ 4	June 25	1277	„ 2	June 23
1215	„ 24	July 15	1278	„ 22	July 13
1216	„ 15	„ 6	1279	„ 7	June 28
1217	May 31	June 21	1280	„ 26	July 17
1218	June 20	July 11	1281	„ 18	„ 9
1219	„ 12	„ 3	1282	„ 3	June 24
1220	„ 3	June 24	1283	„ 23	July 14
1221	„ 16	July 7	1284	„ 14	„ 5
1222	„ 8	June 29	1285	May 30	June 20
1223	„ 28	July 19	1286	June 19	July 10
1224	„ 19	„ 10	1287	„ 11	„ 2
1225	„ 4	June 25	1288	„ 2	June 23
1226	„ 24	July 15	1289	„ 15	July 6
1227	„ 16	„ 7	1290	„ 7	June 28
1228	May 31	June 21	1291	„ 27	July 18
1229	June 20	July 11	1292	„ 11	„ 2
1230	„ 12	„ 3	1293	„ 3	June 24
1231	May 28	June 18	1294	„ 23	July 14
1232	June 16	July 7	1295	„ 8	June 29
1233	„ 8	June 29	1296	May 30	„ 20
1234	„ 28	July 19	1297	June 19	July 10
1235	„ 13	„ 4	1298	„ 11	„ 2
1236	„ 4	June 25	1299	„ 24	„ 15
1237	„ 24	July 15	1300	„ 15	„ 6
1238	„ 9	June 30	1301	„ 7	June 28
1239	„ 1	„ 22	1302	„ 27	July 18
1240	„ 20	July 11	1303	„ 12	„ 3
1241	„ 5	June 26	1304	„ 3	June 24
1242	„ 25	July 16	1305	„ 23	July 14
1243	„ 17	„ 8	1306	„ 8	June 29
1244	„ 8	June 29	1307	May 31	„ 21

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Trinity Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1308	June 19	July 10	1370	June 19	July 10
1309	„ 4	June 25	1371	„ 11	„ 2
1310	„ 24	July 15	1372	„ 2	June 23
1311	„ 16	„ 7	1373	„ 22	July 13
1312	May 31	June 21	1374	„ 7	June 28
1313	June 20	July 11	1375	„ 27	July 18
1314	„ 12	„ 3	1376	„ 18	„ 9
1315	May 28	June 18	1377	„ 3	June 24
1316	June 16	July 7	1378	„ 23	July 14
1317	„ 8	June 29	1379	„ 15	„ 6
1318	„ 28	July 19	1380	May 30	June 20
1319	„ 13	„ 4	1381	June 19	July 10
1320	„ 4	June 25	1382	„ 11	„ 2
1321	„ 24	July 15	1383	May 27	June 17
1322	„ 16	„ 7	1384	June 15	July 6
1323	„ 1	June 22	1385	„ 7	June 28
1324	„ 20	July 11	1386	„ 27	July 18
1325	„ 12	„ 3	1387	„ 12	„ 3
1326	May 28	June 18	1388	„ 3	June 24
1327	June 17	July 8	1389	„ 23	July 14
1328	„ 8	June 29	1390	„ 8	June 29
1329	„ 28	July 19	1391	May 31	„ 21
1330	„ 13	„ 4	1392	June 19	July 10
1331	„ 5	June 26	1393	„ 11	„ 2
1332	„ 24	July 15	1394	„ 24	„ 15
1333	„ 9	June 30	1395	„ 16	„ 7
1334	„ 1	„ 22	1396	„ 7	June 28
1335	„ 21	July 12	1397	„ 27	July 18
1336	„ 5	June 26	1398	„ 12	„ 3
1337	„ 25	July 16	1399	„ 4	June 25
1338	„ 17	„ 8	1400	„ 23	July 14
1339	„ 2	June 23	1401	„ 8	June 29
1340	„ 21	July 12	1402	May 31	„ 21
1341	„ 13	„ 4	1403	June 20	July 11
1342	„ 5	June 26	1404	„ 4	June 25
1343	„ 18	July 9	1405	„ 24	July 15
1344	„ 9	June 30	1406	„ 16	„ 7
1345	„ 1	„ 22	1407	„ 1	June 22
1346	„ 21	July 12	1408	„ 20	July 11
1347	„ 6	June 27	1409	„ 12	„ 3
1348	„ 25	July 16	1410	May 28	June 18
1349	„ 17	„ 8	1411	June 17	July 8
1350	„ 2	June 23	1412	„ 8	June 29
1351	„ 22	July 13	1413	„ 28	July 19
1352	„ 13	„ 4	1414	„ 13	„ 4
1353	May 29	June 19	1415	„ 5	June 26
1354	June 18	July 9	1416	„ 24	July 15
1355	„ 10	„ 1	1417	„ 16	„ 7
1356	„ 29	„ 20	1418	„ 1	June 22
1357	„ 14	„ 5	1419	„ 21	July 12
1358	„ 6	June 27	1420	„ 12	„ 3
1359	„ 26	July 17	1421	May 28	June 18
1360	„ 10	„ 1	1422	June 17	July 8
1361	„ 2	June 23	1423	„ 9	June 30
1362	„ 22	July 13	1424	„ 28	July 19
1363	„ 7	June 28	1425	„ 13	„ 4
1364	May 29	„ 19	1426	„ 5	June 26
1365	June 18	July 9	1427	„ 25	July 16
1366	„ 10	„ 1	1428	„ 9	June 30
1367	„ 23	„ 14	1429	„ 1	„ 22
1368	„ 14	„ 5	1430	„ 21	July 12
1369	„ 6	June 27	1431	„ 6	June 27

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Trinity Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.
1432	June 25	July 16
1433	„ 17	„ 8
1434	„ 2	June 23
1435	„ 22	July 13
1436	„ 13	„ 4
1437	„ 5	June 26
1438	„ 18	July 9
1439	„ 10	„ 1
1440	„ 1	June 22
1441	„ 21	July 12
1442	„ 6	June 27
1443	„ 26	July 17
1444	„ 17	„ 8
1445	„ 2	June 23
1446	„ 22	July 13
1447	„ 14	„ 5
1448	May 29	June 19
1449	June 18	July 9
1450	„ 10	„ 1
1451	„ 30	„ 21
1452	„ 14	„ 5
1453	„ 6	June 27
1454	„ 26	July 17
1455	„ 11	„ 2
1456	„ 2	June 23
1457	„ 22	July 13
1458	„ 7	June 28
1459	May 30	„ 20
1460	June 18	July 9
1461	„ 10	„ 1
1462	„ 23	„ 14
1463	„ 15	„ 6
1464	„ 6	June 27
1465	„ 19	July 10
1466	„ 11	„ 2
1467	„ 3	June 24
1468	„ 22	July 13
1469	„ 7	June 28
1470	„ 27	July 18
1471	„ 19	„ 10
1472	„ 3	June 24
1473	„ 23	July 14
1474	„ 15	„ 6
1475	May 31	June 21
1476	June 19	July 10
1477	„ 11	„ 2
1478	May 27	June 17
1479	June 16	July 7
1480	„ 7	June 28
1481	„ 27	July 18
1482	„ 12	„ 3
1483	„ 4	June 25
1484	„ 23	July 14
1485	„ 8	June 29
1486	May 31	„ 21
1487	June 20	July 11
1488	„ 11	„ 2
1489	„ 24	„ 15
1490	„ 16	„ 7
1491	„ 8	June 29
1492	„ 27	July 18
1493	„ 12	„ 3
1494	„ 4	June 25
1495	June 24	July 15
1496	„ 8	June 29
1497	May 31	„ 21
1498	June 20	July 11
1499	„ 5	June 26
1500	„ 24	July 15
1501	„ 16	„ 7
1502	„ 1	June 22
1503	„ 21	July 12
1504	„ 12	„ 3
1505	May 28	June 18
1506	June 17	July 8
1507	„ 9	June 30
1508	„ 28	July 19
1509	„ 13	„ 4
1510	„ 5	June 26
1511	„ 25	July 16
1512	„ 16	„ 7
1513	„ 1	June 22
1514	„ 21	July 12
1515	„ 13	„ 4
1516	May 28	June 18
1517	June 17	July 8
1518	„ 9	June 30
1519	„ 29	July 20
1520	„ 13	„ 4
1521	„ 5	June 26
1522	„ 25	July 16
1523	„ 10	„ 1
1524	„ 1	June 22
1525	„ 21	July 12
1526	„ 6	June 27
1527	„ 26	July 17
1528	„ 17	„ 8
1529	„ 2	June 23
1530	„ 22	July 13
1531	„ 14	„ 5
1532	„ 5	June 26
1533	„ 18	July 9
1534	„ 10	„ 1
1535	„ 2	June 23
1536	„ 21	July 12
1537	„ 6	June 27
1538	„ 26	July 17
1539	„ 11	„ 2
1540	„ 2	June 23
1541	„ 17	July 6
1542	„ 9	June 28
1543	May 25	„ 13
1544	June 13	July 2
1545	„ 5	June 24
1546	„ 25	July 14
1547	„ 10	June 29
1548	„ 1	„ 20
1549	„ 21	July 10
1550	„ 6	June 25
1551	May 29	„ 17
1552	June 17	July 6
1553	„ 2	June 21
1554	May 25	„ 13
1555	June 14	July 3
1556	„ 5	June 24
1557	„ 18	July 7

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Trinity Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1558	June 10	June 29	1621	June 1	June 20
1559	May 26	„ 14	1622	„ 21	July 10
1560	June 14	July 3	1623	„ 13	„ 2
1561	„ 6	June 25	1624	May 28	June 16
1562	May 29	„ 17	1625	June 17	July 6
1563	June 11	„ 30	1626	„ 9	June 28
1564	„ 2	„ 21	1627	May 25	„ 13
1565	„ 22	July 11	1628	June 13	July 2
1566	„ 14	„ 3	1629	„ 5	June 24
1567	May 30	June 18	1630	May 28	„ 16
1568	June 18	July 7	1631	June 10	„ 29
1569	„ 10	June 29	1632	„ 1	„ 20
1570	May 26	„ 14	1633	„ 21	July 10
1571	June 15	July 4	1634	„ 6	June 25
1572	„ 6	June 25	1635	May 29	„ 17
1573	May 22	„ 10	1636	June 17	July 6
1574	June 11	„ 30	1637	„ 9	June 28
1575	„ 3	„ 22	1638	May 25	„ 13
1576	„ 22	July 11	1639	June 14	July 3
1577	„ 7	June 26	1640	„ 5	June 24
1578	May 30	„ 18	1641	„ 25	July 14
1579	June 19	July 8	1642	„ 10	June 29
1580	„ 3	June 22	1643	„ 2	„ 21
1581	May 26	„ 14	1644	„ 21	July 10
1582	June 15	July 4	1645	„ 6	June 25
1583	May 31	June 19	1646	May 29	„ 17
1584	June 19	July 8	1647	June 18	July 7
1585	„ 11	June 30	1648	„ 2	June 21
1586	„ 3	„ 22	1659	May 25	„ 13
1587	„ 16	July 5	1650	June 14	July 3
1588	„ 7	June 26	1651	May 30	June 18
1589	May 30	„ 18	1652	June 18	July 7
1590	June 19	July 8	1653	„ 10	June 29
1591	„ 4	June 23	1654	May 26	„ 14
1592	May 26	„ 14	1655	June 15	July 4
1593	June 15	July 4	1656	„ 6	June 25
1594	May 31	June 19	1657	May 29	„ 17
1595	June 20	July 9	1658	June 11	„ 30
1596	„ 11	June 30	1659	„ 3	„ 22
1597	May 27	„ 15	1660	„ 22	July 11
1598	June 16	July 5	1661	„ 14	„ 3
1599	„ 8	June 27	1662	May 30	June 18
1600	May 23	„ 11	1663	June 19	July 8
1601	June 12	July 1	1664	„ 10	June 29
1602	„ 4	June 23	1665	May 26	„ 14
1603	„ 24	July 13	1666	June 15	July 4
1604	„ 8	June 27	1667	„ 7	June 26
1605	May 31	„ 19	1668	May 22	„ 10
1606	June 20	July 9	1669	June 11	„ 30
1607	„ 5	June 24	1670	„ 3	„ 22
1608	May 27	„ 15	1671	„ 23	July 12
1609	June 16	July 5	1672	„ 7	June 26
1610	„ 8	June 27	1673	May 30	„ 18
1611	May 24	„ 12	1674	June 19	July 8
1612	June 12	July 1	1675	„ 4	June 23
1613	„ 4	June 23	1676	May 26	„ 14
1614	„ 24	July 13	1677	June 15	July 4
1615	„ 9	June 28	1678	May 31	June 19
1616	May 31	„ 19	1679	June 20	July 9
1617	June 20	July 9	1680	„ 11	June 30
1618	„ 5	June 24	1681	„ 3	„ 22
1619	May 28	„ 16	1682	„ 16	July 5
1620	June 16	July 5	1683	„ 8	June 27

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Trinity Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1684	May 30	June 18	1747	June 19	July 8
1685	June 19	July 8	1748	„ 10	June 29
1686	„ 4	June 23	1749	May 26	„ 14
1687	May 27	„ 15	1750	June 15	July 4
1688	June 15	July 4	1751	„ 7	June 26
1689	May 31	June 19	1752	May 29	„ 17
1690	June 20	July 9	1753	June 22	July 11
1691	„ 12	„ 1	1754	„ 14	„ 3
1692	May 27	June 15	1755	May 30	June 18
1693	June 16	July 5	1756	June 18	July 7
1694	„ 8	June 27	1757	„ 10	June 29
1695	May 24	„ 12	1758	May 26	„ 14
1696	June 12	July 1	1759	June 15	July 4
1697	„ 4	June 23	1760	„ 6	June 25
1698	„ 24	July 13	1761	May 22	„ 10
1699	„ 9	June 28	1762	June 11	„ 30
1700	May 31	„ 19	1763	„ 3	„ 22
1701	June 20	July 9	1764	„ 22	July 11
1702	„ 5	June 24	1765	„ 7	June 26
1703	May 28	„ 16	1766	May 30	„ 18
1704	June 16	July 5	1767	June 19	July 8
1705	„ 8	June 27	1768	„ 3	June 22
1706	May 24	„ 12	1769	May 26	„ 14
1707	June 13	July 2	1770	June 15	July 4
1708	„ 4	June 23	1771	May 31	June 19
1709	„ 24	July 13	1772	June 19	July 8
1710	„ 9	June 28	1773	„ 11	June 30
1711	„ 1	„ 20	1774	„ 3	„ 22
1712	„ 20	July 9	1775	„ 16	July 5
1713	„ 5	June 24	1776	„ 7	June 26
1714	May 28	„ 16	1777	May 30	„ 18
1715	June 17	July 6	1778	June 19	July 8
1716	„ 1	June 20	1779	„ 4	June 23
1717	„ 21	July 10	1780	May 26	„ 14
1718	„ 13	„ 2	1781	June 15	July 4
1719	May 29	June 17	1782	May 31	June 19
1720	June 17	July 6	1783	June 20	July 9
1721	„ 9	June 28	1784	„ 11	June 30
1722	May 25	„ 13	1785	May 27	„ 15
1723	June 14	July 3	1786	June 16	July 5
1724	„ 5	June 24	1787	„ 8	June 27
1725	May 28	„ 16	1788	May 23	„ 11
1726	June 10	„ 29	1789	June 12	July 1
1727	„ 2	„ 21	1790	„ 4	June 23
1728	„ 21	July 10	1791	„ 24	July 13
1729	„ 6	June 25	1792	„ 8	June 27
1730	May 29	„ 17	1793	May 31	„ 19
1731	June 18	July 7	1794	June 20	July 9
1732	„ 9	June 28	1795	„ 5	June 24
1733	May 25	„ 13	1796	May 27	„ 15
1734	June 14	July 3	1797	June 16	July 5
1735	June 6	June 25	1798	„ 8	June 27
1736	„ 25	July 14	1799	May 24	„ 12
1737	„ 10	June 29	1800	June 13	July 2
1738	„ 2	„ 21	1801	„ 5	June 24
1739	„ 22	July 11	1802	„ 18	July 7
1740	„ 6	June 25	1803	„ 10	June 29
1741	May 29	„ 17	1804	„ 1	„ 20
1742	June 18	July 7	1805	„ 14	July 3
1743	„ 3	June 22	1806	„ 6	June 25
1744	May 25	„ 13	1807	May 29	„ 17
1745	June 14	July 3	1808	June 17	July 6
1746	May 30	June 18	1809	„ 2	June 21

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Trinity Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1810	June 22	July 11	1821	June 22	July 11
1811	„ 14	„ 3	1822	„ 7	June 26
1812	May 29	June 17	1823	May 30	„ 18
1813	June 18	July 7	1824	June 18	July 7
1814	„ 10	June 29	1825	„ 3	June 22
1815	May 26	„ 14	1826	May 26	„ 14
1816	June 14	July 3	1827	June 15	July 4
1817	„ 6	June 25	1828	„ 6	June 25
1818	May 22	„ 10	1829	„ 19	July 8
1819	June 11	„ 30	1830	„ 11	June 30
1820	„ 2	„ 21			

Prior to the passing of Statute 32 Hen. 8. c. 21. (which was passed in 1540) Trinity Term commenced on the octaves of the Holy Trinity; but the full Term did not commence until the Wednesday after Corpus Christi Day.

In the year 1541, and after, Trinity Term commenced on the Monday next after Trinity Sunday, for keeping of the profers, essoigns, returns, &c., instead, as previously, on the octaves of the Holy Trinity, and the full Term of Trinity Term commenced on the Friday next after Corpus Christi Day, instead of on the Wednesday next after that festival.

This Table has been calculated as commencing with the full Term.

Trinity Term was fixed by Statute 1 Will. 4. cap. 70. (passed 22nd July, 1830), which provides that in the year 1831, and afterwards, Trinity Term shall begin on the 22nd May, and end on the 12th June.

Michaelmas Term.

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1066	Oct. 9	Nov. 28	1093	Oct. 10	Nov. 28
1067	„ 9	„ 28	1094	„ 9	„ 28
1068	„ 9	„ 28	1095	„ 9	„ 28
1069	„ 9	„ 28	1096	„ 9	„ 28
1070	„ 9	„ 29	1097	„ 9	„ 28
1071	„ 10	„ 28	1098	„ 9	„ 29
1072	„ 9	„ 28	1099	„ 10	„ 28
1073	„ 9	„ 28	1100	„ 9	„ 28
1074	„ 9	„ 28	1101	„ 9	„ 28
1075	„ 9	„ 28	1102	„ 9	„ 28
1076	„ 10	„ 28	1103	„ 9	„ 28
1077	„ 9	„ 28	1104	„ 10	„ 28
1078	„ 9	„ 28	1105	„ 9	„ 28
1079	„ 9	„ 28	1106	„ 9	„ 28
1080	„ 9	„ 28	1107	„ 9	„ 28
1081	„ 9	„ 29	1108	„ 9	„ 28
1082	„ 10	„ 28	1109	„ 9	„ 29
1083	„ 9	„ 28	1110	„ 10	„ 28
1084	„ 9	„ 28	1111	„ 9	„ 28
1085	„ 9	„ 28	1112	„ 9	„ 28
1086	„ 9	„ 28	1113	„ 9	„ 28
1087	„ 9	„ 29	1114	„ 9	„ 28
1088	„ 9	„ 28	1115	„ 9	„ 29
1089	„ 9	„ 28	1116	„ 9	„ 28
1090	„ 9	„ 28	1117	„ 9	„ 28
1091	„ 9	„ 28	1118	„ 9	„ 28
1092	„ 9	„ 29	1119	„ 9	„ 28

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Michaelmas Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1120	Oct. 9	Nov. 29	1183	Oct. 10	Nov. 28
1121	„ 10	„ 28	1184	„ 9	„ 28
1122	„ 9	„ 28	1185	„ 9	„ 28
1123	„ 9	„ 28	1186	„ 9	„ 28
1124	„ 9	„ 28	1187	„ 9	„ 28
1125	„ 9	„ 28	1188	„ 10	„ 28
1126	„ 9	„ 29	1189	„ 9	„ 28
1127	„ 10	„ 28	1190	„ 9	„ 28
1128	„ 9	„ 28	1191	„ 9	„ 28
1129	„ 9	„ 28	1192	„ 9	„ 28
1130	„ 9	„ 28	1193	„ 9	„ 29
1131	„ 9	„ 28	1194	„ 10	„ 28
1132	„ 10	„ 28	1195	„ 9	„ 28
1133	„ 9	„ 28	1196	„ 9	„ 28
1134	„ 9	„ 28	1197	„ 9	„ 28
1135	„ 9	„ 28	1198	„ 9	„ 28
1136	„ 9	„ 28	1199	„ 9	„ 29
1137	„ 9	„ 29	1200	„ 9	„ 28
1138	„ 10	„ 28	1201	„ 9	„ 28
1139	„ 9	„ 28	1202	„ 9	„ 28
1140	„ 9	„ 28	1203	„ 9	„ 28
1141	„ 9	„ 28	1204	„ 9	„ 29
1142	„ 9	„ 28	1205	„ 10	„ 28
1143	„ 9	„ 29	1206	„ 9	„ 28
1144	„ 9	„ 28	1207	„ 9	„ 28
1145	„ 9	„ 28	1208	„ 9	„ 28
1146	„ 9	„ 28	1209	„ 9	„ 28
1147	„ 9	„ 28	1210	„ 9	„ 29
1148	„ 9	„ 29	1211	„ 10	„ 28
1149	„ 10	„ 28	1212	„ 9	„ 28
1150	„ 9	„ 28	1213	„ 9	„ 28
1151	„ 9	„ 28	1214	„ 9	„ 28
1152	„ 9	„ 28	1215	„ 9	„ 28
1153	„ 9	„ 28	1216	„ 10	„ 28
1154	„ 9	„ 29	1217	„ 9	„ 28
1155	„ 10	„ 28	1218	„ 9	„ 28
1156	„ 9	„ 28	1219	„ 9	„ 28
1157	„ 9	„ 28	1220	„ 9	„ 28
1158	„ 9	„ 28	1221	„ 9	„ 29
1159	„ 9	„ 28	1222	„ 10	„ 28
1160	„ 10	„ 28	1223	„ 9	„ 28
1161	„ 9	„ 28	1224	„ 9	„ 28
1162	„ 9	„ 28	1225	„ 9	„ 28
1163	„ 9	„ 28	1226	„ 9	„ 28
1164	„ 9	„ 28	1227	„ 9	„ 29
1165	„ 9	„ 29	1228	„ 9	„ 28
1166	„ 10	„ 28	1229	„ 9	„ 28
1167	„ 9	„ 28	1230	„ 9	„ 28
1168	„ 9	„ 28	1231	„ 9	„ 28
1169	„ 9	„ 28	1232	„ 9	„ 29
1170	„ 9	„ 28	1233	„ 10	„ 28
1171	„ 9	„ 29	1234	„ 9	„ 28
1172	„ 9	„ 28	1235	„ 9	„ 28
1173	„ 9	„ 28	1236	„ 9	„ 28
1174	„ 9	„ 28	1237	„ 9	„ 28
1175	„ 9	„ 28	1238	„ 9	„ 29
1176	„ 9	„ 29	1239	„ 10	„ 28
1177	„ 10	„ 28	1240	„ 9	„ 28
1178	„ 9	„ 28	1241	„ 9	„ 28
1179	„ 9	„ 28	1242	„ 9	„ 28
1180	„ 9	„ 28	1243	„ 9	„ 28
1181	„ 9	„ 38	1244	„ 10	„ 28
1182	„ 9	„ 29	1245	„ 9	„ 28

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Michaelmas Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1246	Oct. 9	Nov. 28	1309	Oct. 9	Nov. 28
1247	„ 9	„ 28	1310	„ 9	„ 28
1248	„ 9	„ 28	1311	„ 9	„ 29
1249	„ 9	„ 29	1312	„ 9	„ 28
1250	„ 10	„ 28	1313	„ 9	„ 28
1251	„ 9	„ 28	1314	„ 9	„ 28
1252	„ 9	„ 28	1315	„ 9	„ 28
1253	„ 9	„ 28	1316	„ 9	„ 29
1254	„ 9	„ 28	1317	„ 10	„ 28
1255	„ 9	„ 29	1318	„ 9	„ 28
1256	„ 9	„ 28	1319	„ 9	„ 28
1257	„ 9	„ 28	1320	„ 9	„ 28
1258	„ 9	„ 28	1321	„ 9	„ 28
1259	„ 9	„ 28	1322	„ 9	„ 29
1260	„ 9	„ 29	1323	„ 10	„ 28
1261	„ 10	„ 28	1324	„ 9	„ 28
1262	„ 9	„ 28	1325	„ 9	„ 28
1263	„ 9	„ 28	1326	„ 9	„ 28
1264	„ 9	„ 28	1327	„ 9	„ 28
1265	„ 9	„ 28	1328	„ 10	„ 28
1266	„ 9	„ 29	1329	„ 9	„ 28
1267	„ 10	„ 28	1330	„ 9	„ 28
1268	„ 9	„ 28	1331	„ 9	„ 28
1269	„ 9	„ 28	1332	„ 9	„ 28
1270	„ 9	„ 28	1333	„ 9	„ 29
1271	„ 9	„ 28	1334	„ 10	„ 28
1272	„ 10	„ 28	1335	„ 9	„ 28
1273	„ 9	„ 28	1336	„ 9	„ 28
1274	„ 9	„ 28	1337	„ 9	„ 28
1275	„ 9	„ 28	1338	„ 9	„ 28
1276	„ 9	„ 28	1339	„ 9	„ 29
1277	„ 9	„ 29	1340	„ 9	„ 28
1278	„ 10	„ 28	1341	„ 9	„ 28
1279	„ 9	„ 28	1342	„ 9	„ 28
1280	„ 9	„ 28	1343	„ 9	„ 28
1281	„ 9	„ 28	1344	„ 9	„ 29
1282	„ 9	„ 28	1345	„ 10	„ 28
1283	„ 9	„ 29	1346	„ 9	„ 28
1284	„ 9	„ 28	1347	„ 9	„ 28
1285	„ 9	„ 28	1348	„ 9	„ 28
1286	„ 9	„ 28	1349	„ 9	„ 28
1287	„ 9	„ 28	1350	„ 9	„ 29
1288	„ 9	„ 29	1351	„ 10	„ 28
1289	„ 10	„ 28	1352	„ 9	„ 28
1290	„ 9	„ 28	1353	„ 9	„ 28
1291	„ 9	„ 28	1354	„ 9	„ 28
1292	„ 9	„ 28	1355	„ 9	„ 28
1293	„ 9	„ 28	1356	„ 10	„ 28
1294	„ 9	„ 29	1357	„ 9	„ 28
1295	„ 10	„ 28	1358	„ 9	„ 28
1296	„ 9	„ 28	1359	„ 9	„ 28
1297	„ 9	„ 28	1360	„ 9	„ 28
1298	„ 9	„ 28	1361	„ 9	„ 29
1299	„ 9	„ 28	1362	„ 10	„ 28
1300	„ 10	„ 28	1363	„ 9	„ 28
1301	„ 9	„ 28	1364	„ 9	„ 28
1302	„ 9	„ 28	1365	„ 9	„ 28
1303	„ 9	„ 28	1366	„ 9	„ 28
1304	„ 9	„ 28	1367	„ 9	„ 29
1305	„ 9	„ 29	1368	„ 9	„ 28
1306	„ 10	„ 28	1369	„ 9	„ 28
1307	„ 9	„ 28	1370	„ 9	„ 28
1308	„ 9	„ 28	1371	„ 9	„ 28

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Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1372	Oct. 9	Nov. 29	1435	Oct. 10	Nov. 28
1373	„ 10	„ 28	1436	„ 9	„ 28
1374	„ 9	„ 28	1437	„ 9	„ 28
1375	„ 9	„ 28	1438	„ 9	„ 28
1376	„ 9	„ 28	1439	„ 9	„ 28
1377	„ 9	„ 28	1440	„ 10	„ 28
1378	„ 9	„ 29	1441	„ 9	„ 28
1379	„ 10	„ 28	1442	„ 9	„ 28
1380	„ 9	„ 28	1443	„ 9	„ 28
1381	„ 9	„ 28	1444	„ 9	„ 28
1382	„ 9	„ 28	1445	„ 9	„ 29
1383	„ 9	„ 28	1446	„ 10	„ 28
1384	„ 10	„ 28	1447	„ 9	„ 28
1385	„ 9	„ 28	1448	„ 9	„ 28
1386	„ 9	„ 28	1449	„ 9	„ 28
1387	„ 9	„ 28	1450	„ 9	„ 28
1388	„ 9	„ 28	1451	„ 9	„ 29
1389	„ 9	„ 29	1452	„ 9	„ 28
1390	„ 10	„ 28	1453	„ 9	„ 28
1391	„ 9	„ 28	1454	„ 9	„ 28
1392	„ 9	„ 28	1455	„ 9	„ 28
1393	„ 9	„ 28	1456	„ 9	„ 28
1394	„ 9	„ 28	1457	„ 10	„ 28
1395	„ 9	„ 29	1458	„ 9	„ 29
1396	„ 9	„ 28	1459	„ 9	„ 28
1397	„ 9	„ 28	1460	„ 9	„ 28
1398	„ 9	„ 28	1461	„ 9	„ 28
1399	„ 9	„ 28	1462	„ 9	„ 29
1400	„ 9	„ 29	1463	„ 10	„ 28
1401	„ 10	„ 28	1464	„ 9	„ 28
1402	„ 9	„ 28	1465	„ 9	„ 28
1403	„ 9	„ 28	1466	„ 9	„ 28
1404	„ 9	„ 28	1467	„ 9	„ 28
1405	„ 9	„ 28	1468	„ 10	„ 28
1406	„ 9	„ 29	1469	„ 9	„ 28
1407	„ 10	„ 28	1470	„ 9	„ 28
1408	„ 9	„ 28	1471	„ 9	„ 28
1409	„ 9	„ 28	1472	„ 9	„ 28
1410	„ 9	„ 28	1473	„ 9	„ 29
1411	„ 9	„ 28	1474	„ 10	„ 28
1412	„ 10	„ 28	1475	„ 9	„ 28
1413	„ 9	„ 28	1476	„ 9	„ 28
1414	„ 9	„ 28	1477	„ 9	„ 28
1415	„ 9	„ 28	1478	„ 9	„ 28
1416	„ 9	„ 28	1479	„ 9	„ 29
1417	„ 9	„ 29	1480	„ 9	„ 28
1418	„ 10	„ 28	1481	„ 9	„ 28
1419	„ 9	„ 28	1482	„ 9	„ 28
1420	„ 9	„ 28	1483	„ 9	„ 28
1421	„ 9	„ 28	1484	„ 9	„ 29
1422	„ 9	„ 28	1485	„ 10	„ 28
1423	„ 9	„ 29	1486	„ 9	„ 28
1424	„ 9	„ 28	1487	„ 9	„ 28
1425	„ 9	„ 28	1488	„ 9	„ 28
1426	„ 9	„ 28	1489	„ 9	„ 28
1427	„ 9	„ 28	1490	„ 9	„ 29
1428	„ 9	„ 29	1491	„ 10	„ 28
1429	„ 10	„ 28	1492	„ 9	„ 28
1430	„ 9	„ 28	1493	„ 9	„ 28
1431	„ 9	„ 28	1494	„ 9	„ 28
1432	„ 9	„ 28	1495	„ 9	„ 28
1433	„ 9	„ 28	1496	„ 10	„ 28
1434	„ 9	„ 29	1497	„ 9	„ 28

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Year.	Began.	Ended.
1498	Oct. 9	Nov. 28
1499	„ 9	„ 28
1500	„ 9	„ 28
1501	„ 9	„ 29
1502	„ 10	„ 28
1503	„ 9	„ 28
1504	„ 9	„ 28
1505	„ 9	„ 28
1506	„ 9	„ 28
1507	„ 9	„ 29
1508	„ 9	„ 28
1509	„ 9	„ 28
1510	„ 9	„ 28
1511	„ 9	„ 28
1512	„ 9	„ 29
1513	„ 10	„ 28
1514	„ 9	„ 28
1515	„ 9	„ 28
1516	„ 9	„ 28
1517	„ 9	„ 28
1518	„ 9	„ 29
1519	„ 10	„ 28
1520	„ 9	„ 28
1521	„ 9	„ 28
1522	„ 9	„ 28
1523	„ 9	„ 28
1524	„ 10	„ 28
1525	„ 9	„ 28
1526	„ 9	„ 28
1527	„ 9	„ 28
1528	„ 9	„ 28
1529	„ 9	„ 29
1530	„ 10	„ 28
1531	„ 9	„ 28
1532	„ 9	„ 28
1533	„ 9	„ 28
1534	„ 9	„ 28
1535	„ 9	„ 29
1536	„ 9	„ 28
1537	„ 9	„ 28
1538	„ 9	„ 28
1539	„ 9	„ 28
1540	„ 9	„ 29
1541	„ 10	„ 28
1542	„ 9	„ 28
1543	„ 9	„ 28
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1557	„ 9	„ 29
1558	„ 10	„ 28
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1561	Oct. 9	Nov. 28
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1563	„ 9	„ 29
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1597	„ 10	„ 28
1598	„ 9	„ 28
1599	„ 9	„ 28
1600	„ 9	„ 28
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1602	„ 9	„ 29
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1621	„ 9	„ 28
1622	„ 9	„ 28
1623	„ 9	„ 28

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Michaelmas Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1624	Oct. 9	Nov. 29	1687	Oct. 24	Nov. 28
1625	„ 10	„ 28	1688	„ 23	„ 28
1626	„ 9	„ 28	1689	„ 23	„ 28
1627	„ 9	„ 28	1690	„ 23	„ 28
1628	„ 9	„ 28	1691	„ 23	„ 28
1629	„ 9	„ 28	1692	„ 24	„ 28
1630	„ 9	„ 29	1693	„ 23	„ 28
1631	„ 10	„ 28	1694	„ 23	„ 28
1632	„ 9	„ 28	1695	„ 23	„ 28
1633	„ 9	„ 28	1696	„ 23	„ 28
1634	„ 9	„ 28	1697	„ 23	„ 29
1635	„ 9	„ 28	1698	„ 24	„ 28
1636	„ 10	„ 28	1699	„ 23	„ 28
1637	„ 9	„ 28	1700	„ 23	„ 28
1638	„ 9	„ 28	1701	„ 23	„ 28
1639	„ 9	„ 28	1702	„ 23	„ 28
1640	„ 9	„ 28	1703	„ 23	„ 29
1641	„ 23	„ 29	1704	„ 23	„ 28
1642	„ 24	„ 28	1705	„ 23	„ 28
1643	„ 23	„ 28	1706	„ 23	„ 28
1644	„ 23	„ 28	1707	„ 23	„ 28
1645	„ 23	„ 28	1708	„ 23	„ 29
1646	„ 23	„ 28	1709	„ 24	„ 28
1647	„ 23	„ 29	1710	„ 23	„ 28
1648	„ 23	„ 28	1711	„ 23	„ 28
1649	„ 23	„ 28	1712	„ 23	„ 28
1650	„ 23	„ 28	1713	„ 23	„ 28
1651	„ 23	„ 28	1714	„ 23	„ 29
1652	„ 23	„ 29	1715	„ 24	„ 28
1653	„ 24	„ 28	1716	„ 23	„ 28
1654	„ 23	„ 28	1717	„ 23	„ 28
1655	„ 23	„ 28	1718	„ 23	„ 28
1656	„ 23	„ 28	1719	„ 23	„ 28
1657	„ 23	„ 28	1720	„ 24	„ 28
1658	„ 23	„ 29	1721	„ 23	„ 28
1659	„ 24	„ 28	1722	„ 23	„ 28
1660	„ 23	„ 28	1723	„ 23	„ 28
1661	„ 23	„ 28	1724	„ 23	„ 28
1662	„ 23	„ 28	1725	„ 23	„ 29
1663	„ 23	„ 28	1726	„ 24	„ 28
1664	„ 24	„ 28	1727	„ 23	„ 28
1665	„ 23	„ 28	1728	„ 23	„ 28
1666	„ 23	„ 28	1729	„ 23	„ 28
1667	„ 23	„ 28	1730	„ 23	„ 28
1668	„ 23	„ 28	1731	„ 23	„ 29
1669	„ 23	„ 29	1732	„ 23	„ 28
1670	„ 24	„ 28	1733	„ 23	„ 28
1671	„ 23	„ 28	1734	„ 23	„ 28
1672	„ 23	„ 28	1735	„ 23	„ 28
1673	„ 23	„ 28	1736	„ 23	„ 29
1674	„ 23	„ 28	1737	„ 24	„ 28
1675	„ 23	„ 29	1738	„ 23	„ 28
1676	„ 23	„ 28	1739	„ 23	„ 28
1677	„ 23	„ 28	1740	„ 23	„ 28
1678	„ 23	„ 28	1741	„ 23	„ 28
1679	„ 23	„ 28	1742	„ 23	„ 29
1680	„ 23	„ 29	1743	„ 24	„ 28
1681	„ 24	„ 28	1744	„ 23	„ 28
1682	„ 23	„ 28	1745	„ 23	„ 28
1683	„ 23	„ 28	1746	„ 23	„ 28
1684	„ 23	„ 28	1747	„ 23	„ 28
1685	„ 23	„ 28	1748	„ 24	„ 28
1686	„ 23	„ 29	1749	„ 23	„ 28

No. 12.—Table of Law Terms, &c.—Michaelmas Term—*continued.*

Year.	Began.	Ended.	Year.	Began.	Ended.
1750	Oct. 23	Nov. 28	1791	Nov. 7	Nov. 28
1751	„ 23	„ 28	1792	„ 6	„ 28
1752	Nov. 6	„ 28	1793	„ 6	„ 28
1753	„ 6	„ 28	1794	„ 6	„ 28
1754	„ 6	„ 28	1795	„ 6	„ 28
1755	„ 6	„ 28	1796	„ 7	„ 28
1756	„ 6	„ 29	1797	„ 6	„ 28
1757	„ 7	„ 28	1798	„ 6	„ 28
1758	„ 6	„ 28	1799	„ 6	„ 28
1759	„ 6	„ 28	1800	„ 6	„ 28
1760	„ 6	„ 28	1801	„ 6	„ 28
1761	„ 6	„ 28	1802	„ 6	„ 29
1762	„ 6	„ 29	1803	„ 7	„ 28
1763	„ 7	„ 28	1804	„ 6	„ 28
1764	„ 6	„ 28	1805	„ 6	„ 28
1765	„ 6	„ 28	1806	„ 6	„ 28
1766	„ 6	„ 28	1807	„ 6	„ 28
1767	„ 6	„ 28	1808	„ 7	„ 28
1768	„ 7	„ 28	1809	„ 6	„ 28
1769	„ 6	„ 28	1810	„ 6	„ 28
1770	„ 6	„ 28	1811	„ 6	„ 28
1771	„ 6	„ 28	1812	„ 6	„ 28
1772	„ 6	„ 28	1813	„ 6	„ 29
1773	„ 6	„ 29	1814	„ 7	„ 28
1774	„ 7	„ 28	1815	„ 6	„ 28
1775	„ 6	„ 28	1816	„ 6	„ 28
1776	„ 6	„ 28	1817	„ 6	„ 28
1777	„ 6	„ 28	1818	„ 6	„ 28
1778	„ 6	„ 28	1819	„ 6	„ 29
1779	„ 6	„ 29	1820	„ 6	„ 28
1780	„ 6	„ 28	1821	„ 6	„ 28
1781	„ 6	„ 28	1822	„ 6	„ 28
1782	„ 6	„ 28	1823	„ 6	„ 28
1783	„ 6	„ 28	1824	„ 6	„ 29
1784	„ 6	„ 29	1825	„ 7	„ 28
1785	„ 7	„ 28	1826	„ 6	„ 28
1786	„ 6	„ 28	1827	„ 6	„ 28
1787	„ 6	„ 28	1828	„ 6	„ 28
1788	„ 6	„ 28	1829	„ 6	„ 28
1789	„ 6	„ 28	1830	„ 6	„ 29
1790	„ 6	„ 29			

Until the 29th of September, 1641, Michaelmas Term began on the fourth day of the octaves of St. Michael, *i.e.*, on the 9th of October, unless that day fell on Sunday, then on the next day, and ended on the 28th of November, unless that day fell on Sunday, then on the next day; on and after the 29th of September 1641, Michaelmas Term began on the fourth day of the three weeks of St. Michael, *i.e.*, the 23rd of October, and ended on the 28th of November, unless those days fell on Sundays, then on the next day: but in 1752 it was enacted that Michaelmas Term should commence on the morrow of All Souls, *i.e.*, on the 3rd of November, unless that day fell on a Sunday, in which case it was to begin on the next day, for the keeping of essoigns, profers, &c.; and the full term of St. Michael (by which this table has been worked out) was ordered to begin on the fourth day of the said morrow of All Souls, excepting the said fourth day fell on a Sunday, and then on the next day.

Michaelmas Term was fixed by Statute 1 Will. 4. cap. 70. (passed 22nd of July 1830), which provides that in the year 1831, and afterwards, Michaelmas Term shall begin on the 2nd and end on the 25th of November.

No. 13.—Lists of some Printed Books containing State Papers, arranged Chronologically and Alphabetically.

List of Printed Books containing State Papers, arranged Chronologically.

Years.	
Early times to 1599	Hakluyt's Collection of Voyages, &c.
1349–1795	Ellis' Letters.
1381–1797	Bruce on the Union.
1405–1495	Howard's Collection of Letters.
1496–1525	Fiddes' Life of Wolsey.
1501–1726	Hardwicke's State Papers.
1505–1545	Jacobi IV., &c., Epistolæ.
1509–1547	Turner's Henry VIII.
1510–1585	Burnet's Reformation.
1513–1525	Galt's Life of Wolsey.
1513–1618	Lodge's Illustrations.
1518–1546	State Papers, 11 vols. 4to.
1527–1536	Cavendish's Life of Wolsey.
1536–1629	Cabala.
1537–1538	Wyatt's (Sir T.) Poems.
1540–1570	Sadler's State Papers.
1542–1570	Haynes' State Papers.
1545–1546	Howard Earl of Surrey's Poems.
1547–1557	Tytler's Edward VI., &c.
1548–1590	Bruce on Internal Defence.
1548–1607	Von Raumer.
1553–1556	Noailles, Ambassades.
1558–1563	Forbes' State Papers.
1558–1587	Labanoff, Lettres de Marie Stuart.
1558–1603	Wright's Elizabeth and her Times.
1558–1625	Nichol's Progresses of Elizabeth and James I.
1559–1586	Robertson's Scotland.
1559–1663	Sydney State Papers, 2 vols. folio.
1560–1569	Chalmers' Life of Mary Queen of Scots.
1560–1751	St. Lucia Memorials.
1565–1568	Anderson's Mary Queen of Scots.
1568–1575	Fenelon Dépêches.
1568–1595	Barrow's Life of Drake.
1569–1570	Sharp's Rebellion of 1569.
1570–1581	Digges' Ambassador.
1571–1596	Murdin's State Papers.
1576–1602	Barrow's Naval Worthies.
1581–1603	Birch's Elizabeth.
1582–1603	Colville, Letters of John.
1591–1627	The Shirley Brothers' Correspondence.
1591–1760	Bruce on Conjunct Expeditions.
1592–1617	Birch's Negotiations.
1595–1625	Bacon's (Lord Chancellor) Letters, &c.
1596	Burleigh and Essex, Opinion of a Spanish Invasion.
1596–1613	Winwood's Memorials.
1601–1602	Cecil's Secret Correspondence with James VI.
1603–1625	Botfield, Ecclesiastical Affairs of Scotland.
1603–1685	Harris' Lives of James I., Charles I., Cromwell, and Charles II.
1606–1611	Boderie, Ambassades.
1611–1639	Strafford's State Papers.
1612–1642	Annals of James I. and Charles I.
1616–1620	Carleton's (Sir Dudley) Letters.
1618–1648	Rushworth's Historical Collections.
1619–1665	Bromley, Letters of Charles I., &c.
1620–1660	Palfrey's New England.
1621–1628	Roe's Negotiations.
1622–1632	Gustavus Adolphus, Life of.

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List of Printed Books containing State Papers, arranged Alphabetically.

Years.	
1774–1783	American Archives.
1565–1568	Anderson's Mary Queen of Scots.
1612–1642	Annals of James I. and Charles I.
1665–1670	Arlington's Letters.
1595–1625	Bacon's Letters.
1637–1662	Baillie's Letters.
1568–1595	Barrow's Life of Drake.
1576–1602	Barrow's Naval Worthies.
1625–1626	Bassompierre's Embassy to England.
1759, Jan. to July.	Belleisle, Duc de, et Contades, Maréchal de.
1581–1603	Birch's Elizabeth.
1592–1617	Birch's Negotiations.
1606–1611	Boderie, Ambassades.
1799–1800	Borgia, Cardinal, and Cardinal of York, Letters.
1603–1625	Botfield, Ecclesiastical Affairs of Scotland.
1724–1738	Boulter's Letters.
1619–1665	Bromley, Letters of Charles I., &c.
1662–1673	Brown's Miscell. Aulica.
1381–1797	Bruce on the Union.
1548–1590	Bruce on Internal Defence.
1591–1760	Bruce on Conjunct Expeditions.
1596	Burleigh and Essex, Opinion of a Spanish Invasion.
1510–1585	Burnet's Reformation.
1536–1629	Cabala.
1616–1620	Carleton's (Sir Dudley) Letters.
1627	Carleton's Letters.
1689–1711	Carstares' State Papers.
1641–1646	Carte's Letters and Papers.
1527–1536	Cavendish's Life of Wolsey.
1601–1602	Cecil's Secret Correspondence with James VI.
1560–1569	Chalmers' Life of Mary Queen of Scots.
1642–1788	Chalmers' Collection of Treaties.
1634–1647	Charles I.'s Letters.
1649–1685	Charles II.'s Letters.
1622–1674	Clarendon State Papers.
1676–1690	Clarendon and Rochester Correspondence.
1697–1708	Cole's Memoirs and Letters.
1582–1603	Colville, Letters of John.
1689–1718	Coxe's Shrewsbury Correspondence.
1649–1658	Cromwell, Original Letters to.
1642–1658	Cromwelliana.
1626–1764	Culloden Papers.
1676–1678	Danby's (Earl of) Letters.
1570–1581	Digges' Ambassador.
1349–1795	Ellis' Letters.
1675	Essex's (Earl of) Letters in Ireland.
1664–1665	Fanshawe's Letters.
1568–1575	Fenelon Dépêches.
1496–1525	Fiddes' Life of Wolsey.
1558–1563	Forbes' State Papers.
1684–1685	Fox's History of James II.
1725–1790	Franklin's Life and Writings.
1513–1525	Galt's Life of Wolsey.
1622–1632	Gustavus Adolphus, Life of.
Early times to 1599	Hakluyt's Collection of Voyages, &c.
1501–1726	Hardwicke's State Papers.

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No. 13.—Lists of some Printed Books, &c.—*continued.*

List of Printed Books containing State Papers, arranged Chronologically.

Years.	
1622–1674	Clarendon State Papers.
1625–1626	Bassompierre's Embassy to England.
1626–1764	Culloden Papers.
1627	Carleton's Letters.
1633–1701	Life of James II., from the Stuart MSS.
1634–1647	Charles I.'s Letters.
1634–1694	Rawdon Papers.
1637–1662	Baillie's Letters.
1638–1660	Thurloe's State Papers.
1641–1643	Proclamations.
1641–1646	Carte's Letters and Papers.
1642–1658	Cromwelliana.
1642–1659	Orders of the Commonwealth.
1642–1788	Chalmers' Collection of Treaties.
1644–1645	Ludlow's Memoirs.
1645–1655	Vauciennes Memoires de Suede.
1649–1658	Cromwell, Original Letters to.
1649–1685	Charles II.'s Letters.
1659–1663	Sydney Papers, 8vo.
1662–1673	Brown's Miscell. Aulica.
1664–1665	Fanshawe's Letters.
1665–1670	Arlington's (Earl of) Letters.
1674–1679	Jenkyn's (Sir Leoline) Life.
1675	Essex's (Earl of) Letters in Ireland.
1676–1678	Danby's (Earl of) Letters.
1676–1690	Clarendon and Rochester Correspondence.
1683–1685	Roberts' Duke of Monmouth.
1684–1685	Fox's History of James II.
1685–1750	Marchmont Papers.
1688–1714	Macpherson's Original Papers.
1689–1711	Carstares' State Papers.
1689–1718	Coxe's Shrewsbury Correspondence.
1697–1708	Cole's Memoirs and Letters.
1702–1745	Lockhart Papers.
1724–1738	Boulter's Letters.
1725–1790	Franklin's Life and Writings.
1759, Jan. to July.	Duc de Belleisle et Maréchal de Contades.
1761	Spain, Rupture with.
1774–1783	American Archives.
1791–1811	State Papers, War with France, 11 vols. 8vo.
1799–1800	Cardinal Borgia and Cardinal of York, Letters.

List of Printed Books containing State Papers, arranged Alphabetically.

Years.	
1603–1685	Harris' Lives of James I., Charles I., Cromwell, and Charles II.
1542–1570	Haynes' State Papers.
1405–1695	Howard's Collection of Letters.
1545–1546	Howard Earl of Surrey's Poems.
1505–1545	Jacobi IV., &c., Epistolæ.
1633–1701	Life of James II., from the Stuart MSS.
1674–1679	Jenkyn's (Sir Leoline) Life.
1558–1587	Labanoff, Lettres de Marie Stuart.
1702–1745	Lockhart Papers.
1513–1618	Lodge's Illustrations.
1644–1645	Ludlow's Memoirs.
1688–1714	Macpherson's Original Papers.
1685–1750	Marchmont Papers.
1571–1596	Murdin's State Papers.
1558–1625	Nichols' Progresses of Elizabeth and James I.
1553–1556	Noailles, Ambassades.
1642–1659	Orders of the Commonwealth.
1620–1660	Palfrey's New England.
1641–1643	Proclamations.
1634–1694	Rawdon Papers.
1683–1685	Roberts' Duke of Monmouth.
1559–1586	Robertson's Scotland.
1621–1628	Roe's Negotiations.
1618–1648	Rushworth's Historical Collections.
1540–1570	Sadler's State Papers.
1560–1751	St. Lucia Memorials.
1569–1570	Sharp's Rebellion of 1569.
1591–1627	Shirley Brothers' Correspondence, The.
1761	Spain, Rupture with.
1518–1546	State Papers, 11 vols. 4to.
1791–1811	State Papers, War with France, 11 vols. 8vo.
1611–1639	Strafford's State Papers.
1559–1663	Sydney State Papers, 2 vols. fol.
1659–1663	Sydney Papers, 8vo.
1638–1660	Thurloe's State Papers.
1509–1547	Turner's Henry VIII.
1547–1557	Tytler's Edward VI., &c.
1548–1607	Von Raumer.
1645–1655	Vauciennes Memoires de Suede.
1596–1613	Winwood's Memorials.
1558–1603	Wright's Elizabeth and her Times.
1537–1538	Wyatt's (Sir T.) Poems.

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